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He's facing death

Iraq's presidential council has endorsed the execution within a month of Ali Hassan al-Majid, Saddam Hussein's cousin known as "Chemical Ali," for his role in the 1980s scorched-earth campaign against Kurds, officials said today. **5A**

SPORTS

Bucs tops Phillies

Nate McLouth, above, and Adam LaRoche hit home runs to help the Pirates beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 11-6, on Thursday. **2B**

Bouncing back?

How will the Monessen High girl's basketball team rebound from its first and only defeat of the season in last Friday's WPIAL Class A championship game? That's the big question as the Lady Greyhounds (26-1) open the PIAA playoffs Saturday at 4 p.m. at North Hills High against District 6's Ferndale (22-5). **1B**

DEATHS

- Vincent L. "Rusty" Leapline, 58, of Uniontown, formerly of Dunbar
- Millicent Skokut Nehrebecki, 88, of Bentleyville (Somerset Township)

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Tonight
Snow 26°
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Prison population explodes

For first time in US history, more than 1 in every 100 Americans is behind bars.

By DAVID CRARY
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NEW YORK — For the first time in U.S. history, more than one of every 100 adults is in jail or prison, according to a new report documenting America's rank as the world's No. 1 incarcerator. It urges states to curtail corrections spending by placing fewer low-risk offenders behind bars.

Using state-by-state data, the report says 2,319,258 Americans were in jail or prison at the start of 2008 — one out of every 99.1 adults. Whether per capita or in raw numbers, it's more than any other nation.

The report, released Thursday by the Pew Center on the States, said the 50 states spent more than $49 billion on corrections last year, up from less than $11 billion 20 years earlier. The rate of increase for prison costs was six times greater than for higher education spending, the report said.

The steadily growing inmate population "is saddling cash-strapped states with soaring costs they can ill afford and failing to have a clear impact either on recidivism or overall crime," the report said.

Susan Urahn, managing director of the Pew Center on the States, said budget woes are pressuring many states to consider new, cost-saving corrections policies that might have been shunned in the recent past for fear of appearing soft on crime.

"We're seeing more and more states being creative because of tight budgets," she said in an interview. "They want to be tough on crime. They want to be a law-and-order state. But they also want to save money, and they want to be effective."

The report cited Kansas and Texas as states that have acted decisively to slow the growth of their inmate population. They are making greater use of community supervision for low-risk offenders and employing sanctions other than reimprisonment for offenders who commit technical violations of parole and probation rules.

"The new approach, born of bipartisan leadership, is allowing the two states to ensure they have enough prison beds for violent offenders while helping less dangerous lawbreakers become productive, taxpaying citizens," the report said.

While many state governments have shown bipartisan interest in curbing prison growth, there also are persistent calls to proceed cautiously.

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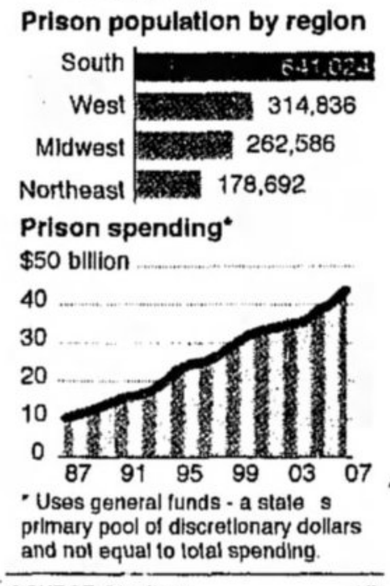
Prisoner record

For the first time in history, more than one in every 100 American adults is in jail or prison.



SOURCE: The Pew Charitable Trusts AP

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Joe Kirk, executive director of the Mon Valley Progress Council, the organization that has championed construction of the Mon/Fayette Expressway for decades, points to a map showing how the toll road is expected to push into Pittsburgh. A new plan to build an elevated highway over the Parkway East could stall completion of the expressway.

Expressway faces another threat

Plan to build an elevated highway over the Parkway East could stall completion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway from Route 51 into Pittsburgh.

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A plan to build an elevated highway over the Parkway East threatens to stall the $5 billion Mon-Fayette Expressway project, supporters of the expressway said Thursday.

The Expressway Partnership Initiative called on the state Turnpike Commission to refrain from seeking private backing for the elevated highway until the commission determines how to pay for the Mon-Fayette's construction through Allegheny County.

"We're puzzled about the intent of an elevated highway," said Joe Kirk, a spokesman for the coalition, which includes groups such as the Mon Valley Progress Council and Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce. "You're starting from square one on this project, but on the other you already have all the engineering work done."

Coalition leaders say the Turnpike Commission plans to seek requests for information from private companies to gauge interest in developing a public-private agreement to build the elevated highway.

The leaders want to stave off the issuance of the letters.

"Clearly our focus is to complete the project we believe has the only merit and only chance of being completed, which is the Mon-Fayette Expressway," said Chad Ammond, director of the Monroeville chamber. "This elevated-highway thing came out of left field."

The commission is building the toll highway from Morgantown, W.Va., to Pittsburgh, including spurs to Pittsburgh International Airport in Findlay and to Monroeville. There is no money to build the $3.6 billion section of the highway from Jefferson Hills to Pittsburgh, a span of 24 miles.

Commission CEO Joe Brimmeier last year proposed building the elevated road over the Parkway East to relieve congestion. The commission has not released a design, and no plan to pay for the work is in place.

Brimmeier could not be reached for comment.

County Chief Executive Dan Onorato, an expressway backer, has not seen yet the plans for an elevated highway. The expressway coalition is participating in a committee, created by Onorato, seeks ways to pay for the expressway. The committee anticipates formulating a plan in April.

The coalition and state lawmakers, such as state House Transportation Committee Chairman Joe Markosek, D-Monroeville, are trying to determine if interest exists among private companies to build the Allegheny County section.

Some believe a public-private partnership is the project's best hope for completion.

Hotel tax approved in Fayette

No date set yet for implementing the 3% levy that's expected to generate $750,000 per year.

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Fayette County commissioners on Thursday took the first step toward implementing a hotel occupancy tax.

Commissioners voted 2-1 to adopt a resolution to authorize the tax, with board member Angela Zimmerlink in opposition.

Final details of the tax are to be worked out over the next several weeks, with commissioners to consider setting a date for implementing the tax at their meeting next month.

In conjunction with the tax, the county will work out a memorandum of understanding with the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau, which markets tourism in Westmoreland, Fayette and Somerset counties.

The planned 3 percent tax would generate an estimated $750,000 annually.

A final determination of how to divide the revenues has not been decided.

Westmoreland has provided most of the support for the Ligonier-based visitors bureau since 2002. This year, Westmoreland is expected to contribute more than $500,000. Somerset chips in almost $200,000. Both those counties have a hotel tax.

Fayette has been giving $20,000 a year.

Commissioners have discussed diverting 50 percent of the hotel tax revenues to the visitors bureau to market tourism, placing 25 percent into a fund for grants for nonprofit tourism groups and giving 25 percent to Penn State Fayette over a five-year period to help start a hospitality curriculum.

Commissioners Vince Zapotosky and Vincent Vicites said the tax will help Fayette compete with other areas for tourism dollars.

"Almost every city in the nation

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Money matters as Tuesday's crucial primaries near

Hillary Clinton raises $35 million in February; but the Barack Obama camp continues to outspend her.

By JIM KUHNHENN
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WASHINGTON — In a remarkable financial recovery, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton raised $35 million in February even as Democratic rival Barack Obama was outspending her in key Tuesday battlegrounds.

His financial superiority has been evident in the primary states of Texas and Ohio, which vote Tuesday and where he has purchased $7.5 million in advertising to her $4.6 million, targeting early voters, young voters and voters in regions with concentrations of delegates.

Clinton's fundraising more than doubled her January fundraising, when she collected $14 million to Obama's $36 million. Clinton has lost 11 straight contests since Super Tuesday on Feb. 5 and her ability to raise money was all the more notable coming in the midst of defeat.

"It was incredibly gratifying to see people come forth with this vote of confidence in me," Clinton told reporters in Hanging Rock, Ohio. "Obviously this is a tremendous benefit to my campaign."

But Obama has been raising money at an even greater rate and spending it, too. Some estimates place his February fundraising at more than $50 million — which would be about half of what he raised in all of 2007. Obama spokesman Bill Burton would not divulge a total but said: "We've raised considerably more than" Clinton.

Obama's campaign had spent $2.4 million on ads in Ohio as of Tuesday, to her $1.3 million, according to TNS Media Intelligence/Campaign Media Analysis Group, which tracks political ads. Clinton spent $3.3 million in Texas; Obama spent $5.1 million, the firm's figures show.

Clinton began running a new ad in Ohio Thursday, with Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland promoting her as a "fighter." "I think she's a person

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VALLEY PEOPLE

McCain says critics distort Iraq position

But GOP presidential candidate still suggests a lengthy U.S. presence is likely in Iraq.

By LIBBY QUAID
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HOUSTON — Republican presidential hopeful John McCain said his remark that American troops could stay in Iraq for 100 years has been distorted, yet he still suggests a lengthy U.S. presence comparable to that in Korea and other countries.

"Of course, that comment of mine was distorted. Life isn't fair, as Jack Kennedy said," McCain told a town hall meeting at Rice University. "I was talking about American presence after the war."

Responding to a student who had criticized his 100-year remark, McCain added, "No American argues against our military presence in Korea or Japan or Germany or Kuwait or other places, or Turkey, because America is not receiving casualties."

"I think, generally speaking, we have a more secure world thanks to American presence, particularly in Asia, by the way, as we see the rising influence of China," McCain said.

"But the key to it is American casualties, America's most precious asset, and that is American blood," he added.

The student had referred to McCain's response at a New Hampshire town hall meeting in January when he was asked about a comment President Bush had made about U.S. troops remaining in Iraq for 50 years.

"Maybe 100," McCain answered.

"As long as Americans are not being injured or harmed or wounded or killed, it's fine with me, and I hope it would be fine with you, if we maintain a presence in a very volatile part of the world where al-Qaida is training, recruiting, equipping and motivating people every single day," the candidate said.

McCain insisted the United States "will win the war in Iraq and win it fairly soon," allowing U.S. troops to withdraw to military bases.

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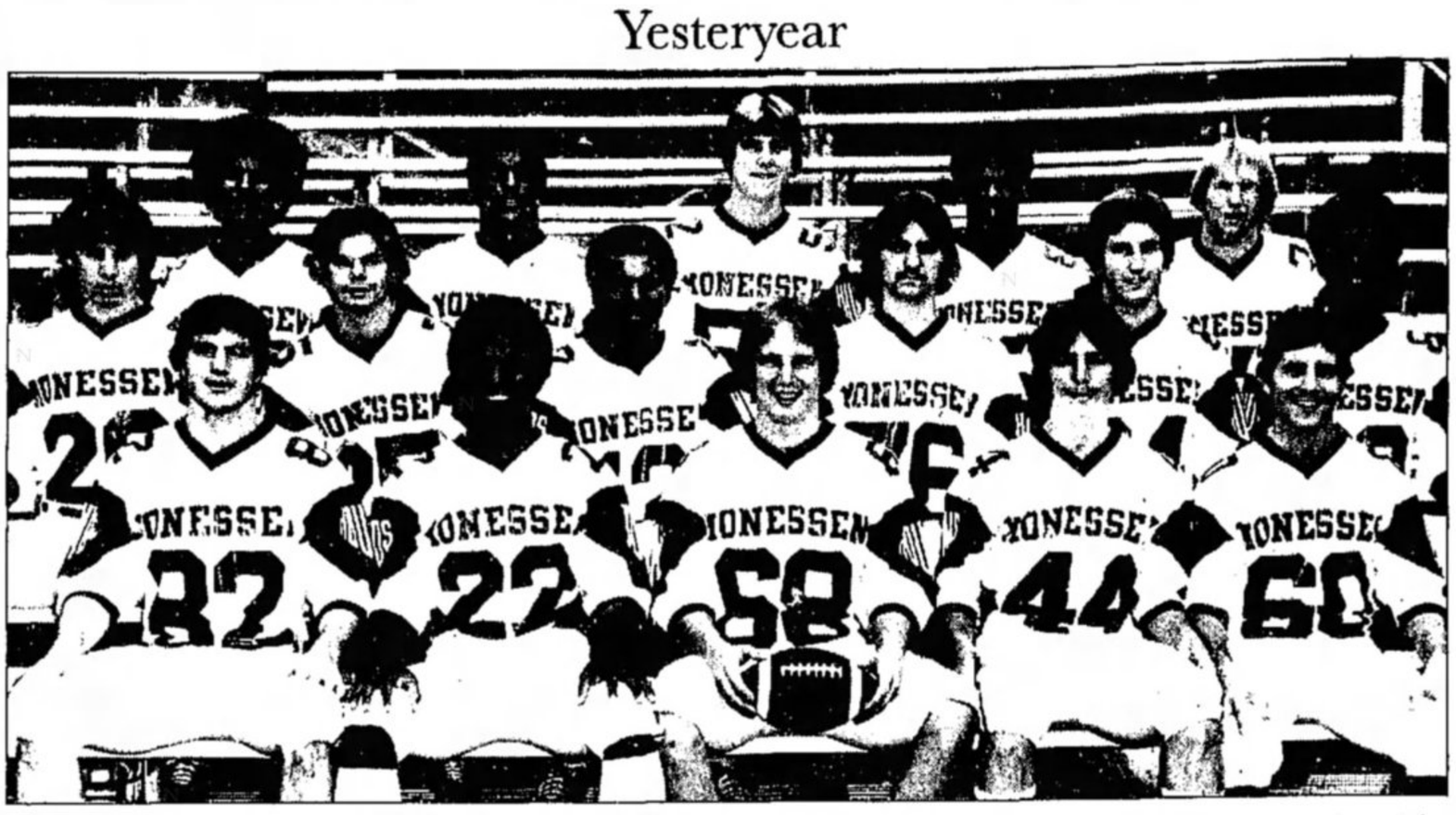

Here are the senior players on Monessen High School's undefeated Big 10 championship team in 1977-78. In front, from left, are B.J. Veschio, Daryll Johnson, Jeff Stark, Mark Beeman and Roger Brandemarte; second row, Don French, Kevin Coccari, Reggie Allen, Rich Moskola, Vince Jarabek and Bill Bronson; third row, Brian Hill, Jeff (Van) West, Steve Major, Jon Hill and Dean Gillman.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
High 28 Low 18	High 40 Low 35	High 55 Low 38	High 45 Low 32	High 32 Low 25

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who has devoted her life to caring about other people, making sure that America works for everyone, not just the privileged few," Strickland says in the ad.

Obama is targeting younger audiences in his ads, buying expensive prime time spots on programs such as "American Idol" and evening sitcoms. On Tuesday, for instance, Obama bought 38 spots on "American Idol" broadcasts in Ohio and Texas, and in the two other March 4 primary states — Rhode Island and Vermont. Clinton bought only six spots on the show in relatively small markets.

"She's where most of the traditional political buying is," said Evan Tracey, an ad analyst and president of TNS Media. "He is in the choice real estate — it's the luxury end of political buying."

Obama also bought ad time on such Tuesday night programs as "Big Brother," "The Biggest Loser," and "Jericho," a CBS series with a devoted fan base.

Obama also was getting help from labor unions, even though in the past he has criticized rivals who received help from outside groups.

The Service Employees International Union began spending $1.4 million on ads supporting Obama in Ohio and Texas. The United Food and Commercial Workers International Union was spending nearly $200,000 on ads in Ohio. What's more, the SEIU was spending a total of about $1.4 million supporting Obama through phone banks and door-to-door canvassing in Texas and Ohio.

"We are facing a real wall of money from the Barack Obama campaign," senior Clinton adviser Harold Ickes acknowledged during a call with fundraisers Thursday. "But based on everything we know today, we are confident we have very strong operations there."

Former President Clinton, campaigning for his wife at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I., said: "If she can win a big victory here in Rhode Island, win in Ohio, win in Texas, she'll be on her way to the White House."

He also said: "We've had a great life. She's going to be fine regardless."

Clinton entered February with $9 million cash on hand for the primaries and about $7.5 million in debts. Obama had $18 million for the primary and $1.1 million in debts.

If both candidates raise more than $35 million each this time, that would make February an astounding fundraising month for the Democrats. At that rate, both candidates would break records for contestants in a primary fight.

Obama told reporters on his campaign plane, "I have no idea how much money we've raised, but we've been paying our bills. Right now, I believe we're doing very good."

In their call to fundraisers, Clinton's advisers announced that the campaign had raised the money from 300,000 donors, including 200,000 new contributors, most of them donating through the Internet. Aides said almost all the money was for the primary election.

"We have resources to play in big states coming up: Texas, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont and states beyond," campaign Chairman Terry McAuliffe said.

Clinton said reports of her relatively weak fundraising in January and her decision to lend the campaign $5 million started a wave.

"People want this campaign to go on," she said. "It just set off a chain reaction around the country. People start paying attention at different points in a campaign. Now people are engaged."

But some Democrats wondered whether the additional money was too late and not enough to match Obama.

"The Clinton campaign clearly has much more money than they had before, but they are still being dramatically outspent by Obama," said Simon Rosenberg, head of the New Democratic Network, a think tank.

"And things don't seem to be trending their way and they don't have a lot of tools to deal with it anymore," he added.

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"We need to be smarter," said David Muhlhausen, a criminal justice expert with the conservative Heritage Foundation. "We're not incarcerating all the people who commit serious crimes. But we're also probably incarcerating people who don't need to be."

According to the report, the inmate population increased last year in 36 states and the federal prison system.

The largest percentage increase — 12 percent — was in Kentucky, where Gov. Steve Beshear highlighted the cost of corrections in his budget speech last month. He noted that the state's crime rate had increased only about 3 percent in the past 30 years, while the state's inmate population has increased by 600 percent.

The report was compiled by the Pew Center's Public Safety Performance Project, which is working with 13 states on developing programs to divert offenders from prison without jeopardizing public safety.

"Getting tough on criminals has gotten tough on taxpayers," said the project's director, Adam Gelb.

According to the report, the average annual cost per prisoner was $23,876, with Rhode Island spending the most ($44,860) and Louisiana the least ($13,009). It said California — which faces a $16 billion budget shortfall — spent $8.8 billion on corrections last year, while Texas, which has slightly more inmates, was a distant second with spending of $3.3 billion.

On average, states spend 6.8 percent of their general fund dollars on corrections, the report said. Oregon had the highest spending rate, at 10.9 percent; Alabama the lowest at 2.6 percent.

Four states — Vermont, Michigan, Oregon and Connecticut — now spend more on corrections than they do on higher education, the report said.

"These sad facts reflect a very distorted set of national priorities," said Sen. Bernie Sanders, an independent from Vermont, referring to the full report. "Perhaps, if we adequately invested in our children and in education, kids who now grow up to be criminals could become productive workers and taxpayers."

The report said prison growth and higher incarceration rates do not reflect an increase in the nation's overall population. Instead, it said, more people are behind bars mainly because of tough sentencing measures, such as "three-strikes" laws, that result in longer prison stays.

"For some groups, the incarceration numbers are especially startling," the report said. "While one in 30 men between the ages of 20 and 34 is behind bars, for black males in that age group the figure is one in nine."

The racial disparity for women also is stark. One of every 355 white women aged 35 to 39 is behind bars, compared with one of every 100 black women in that age group.

The nationwide figures, as of Jan. 1, include 1,596,127 people in state and federal prisons and 723,131 in local jails. That's out of almost 230 million American adults.

The report said the United States incarcerates more people than any other nation, far ahead of more populous China with 1.5 million people behind bars. It said the U.S. also is the leader in inmates per capita (750 per 100,000 people), ahead of Russia (628 per 100,000) and other former Soviet bloc nations which round out the Top 10.

The U.S. also is among the world leaders in capital punishment. According to Amnesty International, its 53 executions in 2006 were exceeded only by China, Iran, Pakistan, Iraq and Sudan.

New tax (FROM PAGE ONE)

has it," Vicites said.

"We have to stay competitive with maximizing tourism and promotion," he added.

Zimmerlink said one reason she opposed the tax is because little public comment was sought.

She also disagrees with plans to exclude private tourism agencies from eligibility for the grants and wants other educational institutions to have the opportunity to consider using some of the tax proceeds for their own hospitality programs.

Zapotosky said Penn State's participation would bring "instant credibility" to a hospitality program in Fayette because the school has a well-regarded hospitality program at its main campus.

In another matter, commissioners made two appointments to an Independent Assessment Board to hear property-tax appeals, but they must appoint a third person to fill out the board.

Vicites and Zapotosky voted in favor of appointing Andrew "A.J." Boni and John Rogish to the board.

Vicites nominated Boni, and Zapotosky nominated Rogish.

Zimmerlink, who was opposed to making any appointments, declined to make any nominations.

Zimmerlink said the three county commissioners should continue in their current role as members of the board of assessment appeals.

Any auxiliary boards, she said, should not be created unless required for a countywide assessment.

Vicites said a reassessment is to begin next year, and he wanted another board in place so it can prepare. Zapotosky said he does not feel that commissioners should serve on a board of assessment appeals because they control county spending.

Valley briefs

FBI joining hunt for medical gear

Greensburg police have asked the FBI to help investigate the disappearance of about $140,000 worth of medical equipment from the Excela Health Westmoreland Hospital.

Police say they asked the FBI for help because of the possibility the equipment was taken out of state.

Police say the equipment was either stolen or misplaced.

Until last month, it had been in a secure room at the hospital.

The missing equipment includes six internal heart defibrillators worth nearly $95,000.

Silence surrounds priest's resignation

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh won't say why a priest who pastored two suburban churches has resigned.

Instead, parishioners at those churches will be told why in a letter to be distributed this weekend.

The Rev. Richard Tusky resigned Wednesday from St. Joseph in Natrona and Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Natrona Heights.

The Rev. Ronald Lengwin, a diocesan spokesman, said the church wants to let parishioners hear their explanation of the resignation before it is reported in the media.

Members of the church council say they don't know why the priest left either.

A retired auxiliary bishop will pastor the churches until a permanent replacement is named.

Shooting wounds prove fatal

A Pittsburgh man is now charged with homicide for allegedly shooting a woman in the head while she was on her way home with Thanksgiving groceries.

Forty-seven-year-old Cheryl Wilds had been mostly unconscious since the Nov. 21 shooting before dying Wednesday night at a rehabilitation center.

Police say 18-year-old Jayquan Massey shot Wilds as she got off a bus with her groceries.

He was already ordered to stand trial on aggravated assault and other charges, and police added the criminal homicide charge Thursday.

Wild's 14-year-old son is friends with Massey and identified him as the shooter.

Police say minutes before Wilds was hit by a stray bullet, Massey had been trying to shoot at a vehicle whose occupants were taunting him.

Ex-teacher aide target of probe

Police are expanding their investigation into what they believe was an overnight drug, beer and sex party in a Westmoreland County hotel room filled with teenage boys and girls and a former Highlands teacher's aide.

Abbie Jane Swogger, 34, of Harrison, a former stripper and mother of two, remains in the Westmoreland County Prison to await a hearing on charges of drug possession and corrupting the morals of minors.

Police on Thursday interviewed juveniles and adults believed to either have been in the room sometime during the night or with information relevant to the investigation.

Ex-top aide says he ran errands for Wecht

Joseph Dominick's testimony supports prosecutors' claims Wecht used county resources for his private benefit.

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Dr. Cyril H. Wecht's former chief deputy testified Thursday that he would often order employees to drive their boss to the airport and run other personal errands on county time.

Joseph Dominick, who ran the Allegheny County Coroner's Office from 1999 to 2006 as Wecht's second-in-command, told a jury that his former boss would sometimes tell him to have a ride ready to or from the airport.

"Sometimes a flight schedule would be left for someone or I would make a phone call to see who was available," said Dominick, a prosecution witness who is testifying with immunity in Wecht's federal public corruption trial. "(The errands) depended on the day. It could be once a day or it could be multiple times a day."

The errands - they became known around the office as "Wecht Details" - could be rides to and from the coroner's office, mail runs to Wecht's Downtown law firm or to the Wecht Institute at Duquesne University, Dominick testified.

Dominick, who had received a letter informing him he was a target of the federal investigation, appeared before a grand jury that ultimately indicted Wecht, 76, of Squirrel Hill on fraud and theft charges. He testified for about 30 minutes.

Dominick's testimony supported prosecutors' claims that Wecht used county resources for his private benefit. In addition, Wecht is accused of bilking clients of his private firm Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates and profiting from his elected position as coroner.

Dominick testified that Wecht ordered him to make a county parking spot available for Flo Johnson, who worked exclusively for Wecht's private firm.

"It wasn't unusual to see her," Dominick testified. "She had an access card to get into the building."

Prosecutors contend Wecht used unclaimed bodies from the morgue to get private laboratory space at Carlow University.

Allegheny County Manager James Flynn testified that he could find no contract between the county and Carlow, which would have been required for any deal.

"If there was a transfer or sale of unclaimed bodies, that economic value should have come to the county," Flynn said.

Defense lawyers contend Wecht had the authority as coroner to use unclaimed bodies for educational purposes.

"Are you aware of any evidence that Dr. Wecht received money for these unclaimed bodies?" asked defense attorney Jerry McDevitt.

"No," Flynn said.

Flynn testified that county rules prohibit employees from using county cars, computers and e-mail for private business, which the government says Wecht routinely did.

"Are you aware (Wecht) was taking a county car to surrounding counties for private business and then billing (the clients) for mileage that he put in his own pocket?" Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Stallings asked.

Flynn said no.

Dominick will resume his testimony Monday.

Ex-trooper recalls aftermath of killing

Former officers quotes colleague as saying shooting victim "had his hands in his pockets."

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Frank Ryan couldn't believe the words spoken by state police Trooper Samuel Nassan shortly after Nassan shot and killed a 12-year-old boy in Uniontown.

"He kept saying, 'It was a kid ... a kid and he had his hands in his pockets,'" Ryan said, recounting his report under questioning from attorney Geoffrey Fieger in federal court in Pittsburgh.

Ryan, a former state trooper, testified Thursday under court order for the family of Michael Ellerbe, the Uniontown boy who was killed on Dec. 24, 2002.

U.S. District Court Judge Joy Flowers Conti ordered Ryan brought to court after learning that he had reneged on his agreement to testify after talking with attorneys for troopers Nassan and Juan Curry.

Ryan insisted they didn't persuade him not to testify at the trial in the wrongful death lawsuit filed by Michael Hickenbottom, Ellerbe's father.

Hickenbottom's attorneys contend police have tried to cover up the events surrounding the shooting. Nassan and Curry have said Nassan shot Ellerbe in the back as he ran from a stolen sport utility vehicle after Curry's gun accidentally discharged, leading Nassan to believe his partner was shot.

Ryan, who said he was one of the first officers on the scene after the shooting, testified he couldn't recall Nassan mentioning that he fired because he thought Ellerbe had shot Curry.

"Trooper Nassan was talking and staring out the window. ... He was in shock" as they drove from the shooting scene, Ryan said.

"I just don't think any trooper would shoot any person in the back just because he had his hands in his pockets," Ryan told the jury of six women and four men.

Ryan said he retired in 2005 and took a job at the state prison in Brownsville because "I didn't want to do police work anymore."

Under questioning from Fieger, Ryan confirmed he had written a report saying he saw Nassan kneeling over Ellerbe with his hands on the boy's shoulders, as if holding him down, and screaming for an ambulance.

Although Ryan insisted Nassan was in shock on the trip back to the station, he said Nassan later finished some paperwork and then made several phone calls.

Earlier this week, former state police Sgt. James Baranowski, the incident commander at the shooting, testified he was forced out of the police agency after he began questioning Nassan and Curry's statements about the shooting.

Baranowski has a whistleblower suit pending against the state police.

The battle between attorneys for the state police and Ellerbe's family escalated yesterday with Fieger's discovery that Ryan had decided not to appear in court after talking with defense attorneys.

Attorneys for both sides argued the issue with Conti behind closed doors before the start of testimony.

It was the second day in a row Conti held such a hearing.

On Wednesday, when Fieger complained that he had not been given tapes of statements Nassan and Curry gave to the state police internal affairs division in 2003 and was not provided updated personnel records on the troopers, Conti met with the attorneys.

Michael Ellerbe

In a transcript of the hearing, Fieger asked for sanctions against the attorneys for the state police.

Attorney Andrew Fletcher, who is representing the troopers, said the tapes were referenced in a written report and argued that Fieger had failed to request them before trial.

WPXI-TV yesterday filed a petition challenging Conti's decision to hold such hearings behind closed doors and release transcripts later.

The petition asks that any future hearings be held in open court and that the court schedule a hearing on its petition.

Absentee ballot printing delayed

Westmoreland officials hope to have them ready next month.

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Westmoreland County elections officials hoped to have absentee ballots for the April 22 primary ready for distribution by the middle of next month.

That date might have to be pushed back because of a technical error that prompted county commissioners on Thursday to delay awarding a printing contract for more than 53,000 documents related to the primary.

Commissioners yesterday rejected the lone bid from William Penn Printing Co. Inc. of Pittsburgh to print absentee, provisional, sample and emergency paper ballots. Controller Carmen Pedicone said an improper bid bond, which is a security that the job will be completed, was included in the proposal and rendered it insufficient.

Pedicone will advertise for new sealed bids that will be opened and reviewed on March 4, the same day commissioners intend to award the contract and a day after county officials originally planned for the printing process to begin.

The county intends to print 7,650 sample Democratic and Republican ballots that will be distributed at the courthouse and posted at the 306 polling places on Election Day.

Plans call for printing 3,000 Democratic and 2,500 Republican ballots as well as 6,120 provisional ballots for each party. Another 12,130 emergency paper ballots for Democrats and 8,070 for Republicans are to be printed.

Any printing delays would only affect the absentee ballots, which are needed before the April 22 primary.

The county uses electronic touch-screen computerized voting machines that don't require any paper to be used on Election Day.

Solicitor R. Mark Gesalman said absentee ballots were expected to be ready for mailing by March 18, but that date may have to be pushed back.

The county is required by law to start distributing absentee ballots no later than April 8.

Ex-prosecutor indigent

For The Valley Independent

A former Fayette County attorney has been declared indigent, making him eligible to apply for court-appointed services in his pending trial on theft and other charges.

Mark F. Morrison, 50, of Hopwood was declared indigent after a hearing yesterday before Judge Steve Leskinen.

Morrison, a former assistant district attorney and the former solicitor for the Fayette County Airport Authority, is accused of stealing about $99,000 in mortgage-settlement payments from two elderly Hopwood couples.

Instead of settling outstanding mortgages on the two properties, Morrison allegedly paid off smaller mortgages and diverted most of the money.

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RECORDS

POLICE LOG

Rostraver Township

■ Jamie A. Elliott, 35, of 1243 Second St., Brownsville, was charged with retail theft of $63 in merchandise from Wal-Mart at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday, police said.

■ Tammy Jo Wolf-Kapenstein, 46, of 205 McKee Ave., Monessen, was charged with retail theft of $45 in merchandise from Wal-Mart at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday, police said.

State police, Uniontown

■ Leonard Tucker of Uniontown reported his vehicle was struck from behind on Feb. 21 on Main Street in Belle Vernon. The driver of the other car fled the scene, police said.

Monessen

■ Police served a warrant against Amy Hull, 26, of 505 Park Manor, Monessen, 1:10 p.m. Thursday at her home for failure to pay fines.

■ David Wells, 28, of 444 Chestnut St., Monessen, was charged with fleeing or attempting to elude police, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, driving under suspension (DUI-related), and traffic violations after a vehicle chase in Monessen that ended on Knox Avenue 9:10 p.m. Thursday, police said.

■ Christopher Burns, 22, of 11 Luce Ave., Monessen, was charged with robbery, theft by unlawful taking, simple assault, terroristic threats and recklessly endangering another person after an incident 10:30 p.m. Thursday in the 1100 block of Dennis Avenue, police said.

■ Daniel Grant, 58, of 269 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen, was charged with prohibited offensive weapons, terroristic threats and recklessly endangering another person after an incident 2:45 this morning in the 200 block of Schoonmaker Avenue, police said. Dawn Cesovski, 38, of 432 Seventh St., Donora, was charged with simple assault, disorderly conduct and harassment and Gloria Keller, 47, of 269 Schoonmaker Ave., was charged with disorderly conduct and harassment in connection with the incident, police said.

Teen accused of killing his mom, sisters

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A police spokesman says authorities have charged the 17-year-old son of a sheriff's deputy with killing her and his two sisters.

Police spokeswoman Illana Spellman identifies the son as Anthony Tyrone Terrell Jr. She says he is being held in custody in the shooting deaths of Gwinnett County Sheriff's Deputy Joy Deleston and her two daughters, ages 4 and 11.

Spellman says the motive is still under investigation.

Authorities found the three dead Thursday night at their home near Lawrenceville.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Annual bake sale under way in Donora

The Christian Mothers/Women's Guild of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, St. Dominic Church, Sixth Street and Thompson Avenue, Donora, is holding its annual bake sale of nut, apricot, poppyseed and cream cheese rolls. Orders will be accepted today at (724) 379-8537, (724) 379-5845 or (724) 379-7382. Orders can also be placed Saturday or Monday by calling the parish hall at (724) 379-9968. Pickups will be 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

DEATH NOTICES

LEAPLINE — Vincent L. "Rusty" Leapline, 58, of Uniontown, formerly of Dunbar, on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Burhans - Crouse Funeral Home, Dunbar.*

NEHREBECKI — Millicent (Skokut) Nehrebecki, 88, of Bentleyville (Somerset Township, on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:

GREENWOOD, James W.*

STERNER, Floyd E.*

*** See death notice**

Millicent Skokut Nehrebecki

Somerset Township

Millicent Skokut Nehrebecki, 88, of Bentleyville, Somerset Township, died Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at The Donnell House in Washington, Pa., after a brief illness. She was born June 14, 1919, on Skokut Farm in Carroll Township to Gregory (Frank) and Millie Radjsavic Skokut. She was married for nearly 56 years to Paul Nehrebecki, who survives. Millicent was Christian in faith, having accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She was raised on the family farm in Carroll Township and later moved to a farm in Somerset Township to raise her own family. Millicent loved the country and was ahead of the ecology movement in that she revered the environment and utilized organic and low-impact farming and gardening methods on her own property. She attended Taylor Run (one room) and Victory Hill schools as well as Douglas Business College in Charleroi. Millicent worked in Pittsburgh at Gimble's, Kaufmann's and Lane Bryant, where she was manager of the hosiery department; traveling into the city each day by bus from Monongahela. She sold vegetables for many years at the Farmer's Night Market in Pittsburgh with her parents and siblings and later with her husband and children. She later discovered the joys of flea marketing and loved searching yard and garage sales for treasures. Her main vocation, however, was her family. She completely devoted her entire life to the welfare of her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandson, all a source of great pride and joy to her. She is survived by her husband, Paul; son, Myron P. (Laura D.) of Washington, and daughter, Nadine A. (Mike) Murtaugh, of Landenberg; her grandchildren, Lynne M. (Robert F.) Getz, of Charlotte, N.C., Michael P. Murtaugh, of New Delhi, India, and Jody Anna M. Murtaugh, of Landenberg; and a great-grandson, Robert F. Getz IV, whom she affectionately called "Little Bobby Getz"; five brothers, Miller, of Independence, Ohio, Nick, of Carroll Township, Louie, of Apple Valley, Calif., Louis, of Scenery Hill, and Samuel, of Ruffsdale. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Bernice and Elizabeth; and one brother, Adam. Friends will be received Sunday, March 2, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136), and Monday, February 3, from 10 to 11 a.m., the time of service in the funeral home. Interment will follow in the Monongahela Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to: The Donnell House, c/o Hospice Care of The Washington Hospital, 155 Wilson Ave., Washington, Pa. 15301. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4, 7.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Vincent L. 'Rusty' Leapline

Uniontown

Vincent L. "Rusty" Leapline, 58, of Uniontown, formerly of Dunbar, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at Uniontown Hospital. He was born in Dunbar on Aug. 5, 1949, the son of the late William Henry Leapline Sr. and Leona M. Breakiron Leapline. Rusty was a fitter for VW of America. He is survived by daughter Karen Hiles and Joseph of Dunbar; two grandsons, Joseph Hiles of Dunbar and Brenan Leapline Jr. of Uniontown; a brother, William H. Leapline and wife Audrey of Warren, Ohio; sisters, Donna L. Barta and husband John O. of Hastings, Neb., and Joyce Seman and husband Paul Jr. of Belle Vernon. He was predeceased by two children, Kimberly and Brenan Leapline Sr.; two brothers, Ronald W. Leapline and Timothy Leapline. Arrangements by the BURHANS - CROUSE FUNERAL HOME, 28 Connellsville St., Dunbar, Pa. A memorial service will take place in Pechin Chapel, Dunbar, Pa., at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 1.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Floyd E. Sterner

Stockdale

Floyd E. Sterner, 88, of Stockdale, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. He was born March 22, 1919, in West Newton, a son of the late Charles and Margaret (Shaw) Sterner. For 38 years, he had been employed as a crane man by Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel in Monessen. He was a Army veteran for more than 4 1/2 years during World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater with the 35 Infantry. He was stationed at many battle sites during his active duty including the Philippines and Guadal Canal. He was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Organization. Floyd also enjoyed being active with the California University Swim Club. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Beth V. (Staib) Sterner; three children, Ken Sterner and his wife, Eleanor, of Gilford, N.H., Ralph Sterner and his wife, Joan, of Murrysville, and Ruth Woncheck and her husband, Sam, of Fallowfield Township; three grandchildren, Jason Sterner, Keith Woncheck and Megan Loft and her husband, Bryan; and two great-grandchildren, Willow and Rowan Lott. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Thelma Celapino, Gladys Koget and Marjorie McMichael; and three brothers, Alfred, Charles and Earl Sterner. Friends will be received from 10:30 a.m. until time of services at noon Saturdy in the J. WILLIAM McCAULEY FUNERAL HOME INC., 901 Vine St., West Newton, with Dr. Glen F. Richardson officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Monongahela. Please visit www.mccauleyffineral-home.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

James W. Greenwood

West Newton

James W. Greenwood, 89, of West Newton, formerly of Rostraver Township, died Wednesday, February 27, 2008, in Hempfield Manor, Greensburg. Born in Rostraver Township (Fellsburg) on December 10, 1918, he was the son of the late Earle and Flora Moore Greenwood. Jim was retired from Chubb Insurance Company as a salesman; prior to that, he worked for 21 years on the Donora Southern Railroad. He was a member of Fells United Methodist Church in Rostraver Township, the Rostraver AARP and the Hoboes of America Tank No. 19 of Herminie. Jim was a founding member of Rostraver Emergency Medical Services and served as an ambulance driver for over 20 years. He served in the First Infantry Division of the U. S. Army during World War II in the European Theater and was the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marion "Dollie" Seiple Greenwood; one daughter, Carolyn "C.J." Allen, of Rostraver Township; two grandchildren, Jan Byers and husband, Chuckie, and Jed Allen; two great-granddaughters, Shannon and Abigayle Byers; one brother, Ben Greenwood, of Rostraver Township; one sister, Jay "Juanita" Harvey, of Boca Raton, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Melvin, John "Wally" and Jesse "Cliff" Greenwood; and six sisters, Ada Sands, Ruth Hamilton, Lois Greenwood, Harriet Sleith and infant sisters, Edith and Margaret Greenwood, who died in infancy. Friends will be received Friday, February 29, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934), www.jamesstumpfuneral-home.com, where a funeral service will be held Saturday, March 1, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Scott Berkley officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Carroll Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Vt. latest state to eye lower drinking age

Bill would create task force to weigh the idea.

By JOHN CURRAN
Associated Press Writer

MONTPELIER, Vt. — More than two decades after the country established a uniform drinking age of 21, a nascent movement is afoot to allow 18- to 20-year-olds to legally buy alcohol under some circumstances.

Proponents say the higher age hasn't kept young people from consuming alcohol and has instead driven underage consumption underground, particularly on college campuses.

"Our laws aren't working. They're not preventing underage drinking. What they're doing is putting it outside the public eye," Vermont state Sen. Hinda Miller said. "So you have a lot of kids binge drinking. They get sick, they get scared and they get into trouble and they can't call because they know it's illegal."

On Thursday, a committee of the Vermont Senate approved Miller's bill to have a task force weigh the pros and cons of rolling back the drinking age and make a recommendation to the Legislature early next year.

Organizations and lawmakers in other states are toying with similar ideas.

In South Dakota, Flandreau lawyer N. Bob Pesall has drafted an initiative petition to allow 19- and 20-year-olds to legally buy beer no stronger than 3.2 percent alcohol.

In Missouri, a group is using the Internet social networking sites Facebook and Meetup to try to collect more than 100,000 signatures to get a measure on the ballot to lower the drinking age to 18.

In South Carolina and Wisconsin, lawmakers have proposed allowing active duty military personnel younger than 21 to buy alcohol. A similar proposal was rejected last year in New Hampshire.

And last year, former Middlebury College president John McCardell started Choose Responsibility, a nonprofit that favors allowing 18- to 20-year-olds to legally buy booze once they've completed an alcohol education program.

"We don't simply advocate the lower age, but believe mandatory alcohol education and licensing with very strict enforcement for violations of the state's alcohol laws might work," McCardell said.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving and others call this folly to even consider, saying the higher age limit has saved thousands of lives since the 1984 enactment of the National Minimum Drinking Age Act. The act required states to raise the age to 21 or lose federal transportation money. South Dakota was the last state to comply, in 1988.

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Vermont voted to raise the age in 1985, and in the ensuing 20 years, alcohol-related traffic fatalities dropped by 40 percent, according to Vermont State Police.

"Is there any significant support in the U.S. Congress for changing the law? We don't see that," said Chuck Hurley, CEO of MADD.

Typically, when states flirt with the idea, they quickly abandon it for fear of losing the highway funding, he said.

Vermont stands to lose about $17 million a year if it were to flout the federal government and lower the drinking age.

McCardell said an effort is under way to persuade Congress to grant waivers exempting states from financial penalty if they lower the age.

"If Congress would grant a waiver, the states would be willing to try something, and at least then we could get some evidence and see whether things are better or worse," he said Thursday.

Politically, it's a hard sell, in part because there are other public health hazards associated with excessive alcohol consumption, not just highway fatalities.

But proponents of a younger drinking age say alcohol-related highway fatalities were dropping before the legal drinking age was lowered, and argue underground drinking presents its own risks.

In 2006, 28.3 percent of youngsters aged 12 to 20 said they'd had a drink in the past month and 19 percent were defined as binge drinkers, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Survey on Drug Use and Health. The survey defined a binge drinker as someone who, in the past month, had drunk five or more alcoholic beverages within several hours.

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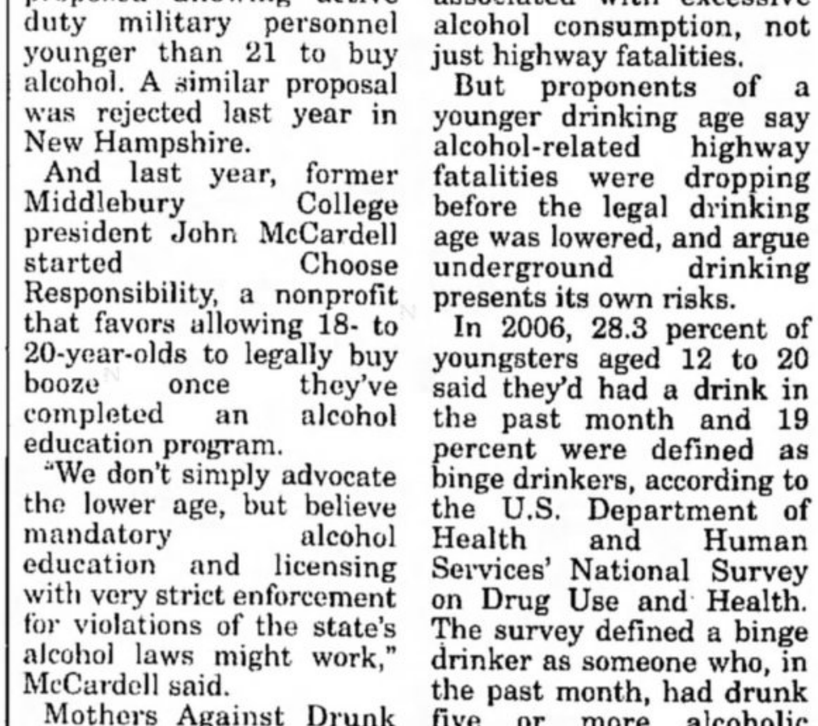

Jeff Pikulsky/The Valley Independent

Ian Cicco will portray Fagin in Belle Vernon Area's production of "Oliver!" Kara Burkhart, left, and Sarah Sewchek will share the role of Nancy. Burkhart and Sewchek were incorrectly identified on Thursday's Page 8A.

ODDS & ENDS

96-year-old woman celebrates 24th birthday today

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis. (AP) — Tillie Iverson is observing her 24th birthday Friday — at the age of 96.

Family members from as far away as Florida, Ohio, Nevada and North Carolina are helping her celebrate her Leap Year birthday.

Iverson was born in 1912 on Feb. 29, a date that only comes around every four years. Like others born on that date, she has sometimes marked her birthday on Feb. 28 and sometimes on March 1.

"It depended on what day of the week it was and what fit the best," Iverson said. "Someone might have been too busy one day, so we'd do it another day."

But she still feels a little cheated as a Leap Day baby.

"I didn't enjoy it at all," she said. "The day before, that's not my birthday. And the day after, that's not my birthday either. I've been shorted on birthdays."

Iverson, whose husband died in 1993, helped deliver 42 babies over the years as a midwife. She kept a scrapbook with information on the infants.

"We'd get up in the morning and she'd be boiling her instruments on the kitchen stove, and she'd tell us about the baby she had delivered," said Evelyn Maloney, one of four surviving siblings. Two others have died.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 29

Today is Friday, Feb. 29, the 60th day of 2008. There are 306 days left in the year. This is Leap Day.

Today's Highlight

On Feb. 29, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (also known as the Kerner Commission) warned that racism was causing America to move "toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal."

On this date:

■ In 1504, Christopher Columbus, stranded in Jamaica during his fourth voyage to the West, used a correctly predicted lunar eclipse to frighten hostile natives into providing food for his crew.

■ In 1792, composer Gioachino Antonio Rossini was born in Pesaro, Italy.

■ In 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed a seven-member commission to facilitate completion of the Panama Canal.

■ In 1940, "Gone with the Wind" won eight Academy Awards, including best picture of 1939.

■ In 1956, President Eisenhower announced he would seek a second term of office.

■ In 1960, the first Playboy Club, featuring waitresses clad in "bunny" outfits, opened in Chicago.

■ In 1968, the discovery of the first pulsar, a star which emits regular radio waves, was announced by Dr. Jocelyn Bell Burnell in Cambridge, England.

■ In 1968, at the Grammy Awards, the 5th Dimension's "Up, Up and Away" won record of the year for 1967, while album of the year honors went to The Beatles for "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

■ In 1984, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau announced he was stepping down after more than 15 combined years in power.

■ **Twelve years ago**: About 30 television and entertainment industry executives met with President Clinton at the White House, where they promised to devise a TV ratings system. Daniel Green was convicted in Lumberton, N.C., of murdering James R. Jordan, the father of basketball star Michael Jordan, during a 1993 roadside holdup. (Green and an accomplice, Larry Martin Demery, were sentenced to life in prison.) A Peruvian commercial jetliner crashed in the Andes, killing all 123 people on board.

■ **Eight years ago**: George W. Bush won Republican presidential primaries in Virginia, Washington state and North Dakota, defeating John McCain; Vice President Al Gore crushed fellow Democrat Bill Bradley in Washington state. Six-year-old Kayla Rolland was fatally shot by a fellow first-grader at Buell Elementary School in Mount Morris Township, Mich. Sparky Anderson was elected to the baseball Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee along with Turkey Stearnes of the Negro leagues and 19th-century second baseman Bid McPhee.

■ **Four years ago**: Facing rebellion, Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigned and left for exile in the Central African Republic. "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" won a record-tying 11 Academy Awards, including best picture; Sean Penn took the best-actor prize for "Mystic River" and Charlize Theron won best actress for "Monster." Playwright Jerome Lawrence died in Malibu, Calif., at age 88.

Associated Press

Ali Hassan al-Majid, otherwise known as "Chemical Ali," stands to speak during the Anfal trial in Baghdad in November 2006. Iraq's presidency endorsed the execution of al-Majid, who was sentenced to death for his role in the 1980s scorched-earth campaign against Kurds, a government adviser said today.

'Chemical Ali' execution endorsed by presidency

Ali Hassan al-Majid got his nickname for ordering poison gas attacks that killed thousands.

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD — Iraq's presidential council has endorsed the execution within a month of Saddam Hussein's cousin, known as "Chemical Ali," for his role in the 1980s scorched-earth campaign against Kurds, officials said today. But it spared the life of two other officials amid Sunni protests that they were only following orders.

The approval by Iraq's President Jalal Talabani and two vice presidents was the final step clearing the way for Ali Hassan al-Majid's execution by hanging. It could now be carried out at any time, a government adviser and a prosecutor said.

Al-Majid was one of three former Saddam officials sentenced to death in June after being convicted by an Iraqi court of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity for their part in the Operation Anfal crackdown that killed nearly 200,000 Kurdish civilians and guerrillas.

Al-Majid was nicknamed "Chemical Ali" for ordering poison gas attacks that killed thousands.

The officials said the three-member presidential council agreed to al-Majid's execution, but did not approve death sentences against the other two — Hussein Rashid Mohammed, an ex-deputy director of operations for the Iraqi armed forces, and former defense minister Sultan Hashim al-Taie.

The fate of the men — who are in U.S. custody — had been in legal limbo since this summer and the decision could represent a compromise to ease Sunni objections to executing al-Taie, widely viewed as a respected career soldier who was forced to follow Saddam's orders in the purges against Kurds.

Al-Majid would be the fifth former regime official hanged for alleged atrocities against Iraqis during Saddam's nearly three-decade rule.

Saddam, who also had been a defendant in the so-called Anfal trial, was hanged Dec. 30, 2006, for ordering the killings of more than 140 Shiite Muslims from the Iraqi city of Dujail following a 1982 assassination attempt against him.

A government adviser, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information, said Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and U.S. officials had been informed of the decision by phone and that a meeting was planned to decide when and where the execution should take place.

A senior U.S. military official said the military was aware the order had been signed, and that the date for the execution would be determined by the Iraqi government.

The other two men remain in U.S. custody but are under the jurisdiction of the Iraqi government, the official said, declining to be identified ahead of an official announcement.

Prosecutor Jaafar al-Moussawi, who said he had received word of the decision from the presidential council, said there was a legal basis for the execution of "Chemical Ali" but not of the other two.

He said no law existed that could force the presidential council to endorse the execution of all three, so it had the prerogative to just sign off on one of the orders.

An appeals court upheld the verdicts against the three in September. Under Iraqi law the executions were to have taken place within a month. But they were put on hold after Sunni leaders including Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi launched a campaign to spare the life of al-Taie.

President Jalal Talabani, himself a Kurd, had also refused to sign the order against al-Taie, a Sunni Arab from the northern city of Mosul who signed the cease-fire with U.S.-led forces that ended the 1991 Gulf War.

Turkish troops pull out of Iraq

CUKURCA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's military says it has completed its goals against Kurdish rebels in Iraq and its troops have returned.

The military says the units have returned to their bases as of this morning.

Turkey launched the incursion into northern Iraq more than a week ago against the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, a group fighting for the autonomy of predominantly Kurdish southeastern Turkey.

The rebels have carried out attacks in Turkey from bases in Kurdish Iraq.

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The proposed increase is subject to examination by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, which will schedule hearings to determine the proper rate level to be charged. The Company will have the burden to prove that the proposed increase is reasonable.

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The rate that is finally determined in this case will be recalculated to reflect actual gas costs on a quarterly basis and may be subject to change if the recalculated rate differs from the rate that is finally determined in this case by more than 2 percent.

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THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Thousands await Pope's visit to D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lori Brown keeps the winning ticket voucher in her purse as a good luck charm, and tells practically everyone she runs into about it.

"It's ridiculous," said Brown, a mother of two from Laurel, Md., recalling how excited she was when her raffle ticket won her a seat at the April Mass that Pope Benedict XVI will celebrate in Washington. "I'm just so out of my skin jumping for joy with this."

Brown is one of tens of thousands of people eagerly awaiting the first visit by a pope to Washington since 1979. The Archdiocese of Washington is distributing about 46,000 tickets for the event, and has set aside 14,000 seats for Catholic dioceses nationwide, archdiocese spokeswoman Susan Gibbs said.

Of those, the biggest share of tickets — 6,000 — will go to the Diocese of Arlington in northern Virginia. The Archdiocese of Baltimore is receiving 2,500. On Friday, the Archdiocese of Washington plans to announce the ticket allocation for its own 140 parishes, which will be based on the size of each parish's Mass attendance and whether it has a school or significant religious education program, Gibbs said.

After that, it's up to each parish to decide how to distribute the tickets.

Oil briefly tops $103 a barrel

SINGAPORE (AP) — Oil prices surpassed $103 a barrel for the first time today as persistent weakness in the U.S. dollar and the prospect of lower interest rates attracted fresh money to the oil market.

Prices were supported by comments Thursday from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, who said the American economy is not immediately threatened with stagflation, a combination of economic weakness and rising inflation.

Investors chose to see the comments as confirmation of their beliefs that the Fed will continue cutting interest rates to try to shore up the economy.

Lower U.S. interest rates tends to weaken the dollar, and crude futures offer a hedge against a falling dollar.

Reports: Prince Harry leaving front lines

LONDON (AP) — British news organizations say the army is pulling Prince Harry out of Afghanistan after news of his deployment was leaked in the press.

The British Broadcasting Corp. and others today quoted military sources as saying Harry would be sent home after 10 weeks serving on the front lines in Helmand province.

The Ministry of Defense would not immediately confirm the reports.

Gas leak suspected in plaza explosion

WAUKEGAN, Ill. (AP) — Some shop owners smelled gas for the last couple of days at a shopping plaza rocked by an explosion that injured at least eight people and rattled nearby buildings, authorities said.

The blast occurred around lunchtime Thursday in a business district about 40 miles north of Chicago, shattering windows and collapsing the roof of the plaza, which housed a cell phone shop, a tuxedo store and a hair salon, among other businesses.

Five people were taken to Vista East Medical Center, none with life-threatening injuries, and four were discharged by Thursday evening, hospital spokesman Adam Beeson said. He said he didn't know the remaining patient's condition..

Three people were treated for injuries at the scene, Deputy Fire Chief Dan Young said. There was no reason to believe anyone was missing, he added.

Authorities believe the incident was caused by a gas explosion, he said.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $400,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) —Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $400,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Thursday's game.

Lottery officials said 135 players matched four numbers and won $179 each; 5,204 players matched three numbers and won $7.50 each; and 58,272 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 28

DAY PICK 3:	4-9-2
NIGHT PICK 3:	8-6-6
DAY PICK BIG 4:	2-7-0-1
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	3-3-9-8
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OUR OPINION

Thrilling weekend of basketball ahead

MARCH MADNESS starts early this year for Monessen's basketball teams.

Tomorrow, the first day of the month, the boys and girls begin PIAA play with dreams of bringing home state titles. Both teams have already put together memorable seasons. The girls won their first 26 games before falling to Mt. Alvernia in double overtime in the WPIAL championship game. The boys are 19-6 after being upset by Bishop Canevin in the WPIAL playoffs.

Both of tomorrow's games are long drives for local fans. The boys' team will face District 6 champion Bishop McCourt at 7 p.m. at Central Cambria. The girls meet Ferndale at 4 p.m. at North Hills.

Another area team begins playoff action tonight. The Bentworth boys' team, 17-8 and seeded fourth in Class A, will face District 5 champion Southern Fulton at 6 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge.

Loyal basketball fans know there is nothing like the intensity and excitement of a playoff game. And even though none of the games is close to home, Mid-Mon Valley fans have a long tradition of making road trips to support their teams.

We congratulate both Monessen teams and the Bentworth boys on qualifying for the PIAA tournament. And we'll be cheering for all three to capture state championships.

ANOTHER VIEW

The (Altoona) Mirror on tax reductions:

Former House Speaker John Perzel and state Rep. Rick Geist don't think $100 to $200 really matters to working Pennsylvanians.

We think a lot of people who worry about earning enough to pay the bills — including their school taxes — will disagree.

Perzel and Geist were in Altoona Tuesday to promote their plan to divert virtually all of the money generated from slot machines for tax relief to pay the entire school property tax bills of elderly Pennsylvanian homeowners who earn less than $40,000 per year.

Perzel argues this is a better option than sending smaller checks to all people who own their primary residences as would be the case under current state law.

He told members of the Mirror staff during an interview that the $2 to $4 per week — $100 to $200 per year — most homeowners would receive under the current system really wouldn't make a difference in their lives. However, paying the entire school property tax bills for seniors would be a dramatic relief for them.

Perzel said the idea is to keep seniors from losing their homes because they cannot afford to pay ever-increasing school taxes. School property taxes are increasing about 6 percent per year, Perzel said.

We don't dispute that it might be difficult for seniors on fixed incomes to pay school property taxes. But it's not exactly a piece of cake for many working families, either.

Paying the entire school tax bill for a senior making $39,999 per year but offering no rebate to a family making $28,000 doesn't seem equitable.

Geist explained that while $40,000 seems like a lot here because of a lower cost of living, in eastern Pennsylvania that amount is nothing.

Actually $40,000 annually works out to a little more than $769 per week, which is higher than the average weekly wage in 56 Pennsylvania counties during the first quarter of 2007, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Average weekly wages for area counties were: Centre $695; Blair $596; Cambria $584; Huntingdon $572; Clearfield $568; and Bedford $534, BLS statistics show.

For the report, go to www.bls.gov/ro3/fax—9624.htm. ...

Whether Perzel's plan gets enacted may come down to whether $100 to $200 per year is enough to get working homeowners to speak up. If not, those who lose out shouldn't complain later.

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Slavery and reparations

Charley **REESE**

The reparations-for-slavery game is afoot again, aided and abetted by public television and any number of misguided liberals. Reparations for slavery is a con — an attempt to wheedle money from the innocent for the benefit of the uninjured.

Furthermore, anyone who apologizes for something he never participated in or condoned to people who never suffered from it is a fool. The entire population of the United States in the year 2008 is as innocent of the sin of slavery as newborn babes.

Slavery ended in the United States in 1868. That was 140 years ago. To force people alive today to pay money for something they didn't do and never benefited from is an injustice. To lay a guilt trip on Americans today is an injustice.

Justice is a fairly simple concept. If someone is wrongly harmed, then the person who wrongly harmed him should be required to make him whole, or at least as close as possible. To argue that someone who has done no harm must compensate someone who suffered no harm is Alice in Wonderland thinking. In short, it's nuts.

Slavery is an institution as old as the human race. It probably still exists in some parts of the world. At the time it existed in the United States, it was more or less a global phenomenon and both legal and constitutional, regardless of whether we think it was moral. In fact, it is a good lesson to remind us all that legal and moral are not synonyms. Abortion on demand is legal, but by my standards, it's immoral.

At any rate, we Americans have a lot of contemporary problems that require our attention. We really don't have time to excavate the past and argue about matters that no longer exist and therefore no longer matter.

Racism, of course, still exists, though I would argue that today the United States is one of the least-racist countries on the planet. We have some professional racists of all colors who try, of course, to magnify every incident beyond its real significance, aided and abetted by the plague of yellow journalism that infects more and more news outlets these days.

But one rarely runs into real racism these days, and usually when you do, it's from a person of color. There are all sorts of racist organizations in the black community. For some reason, people think it's OK to have a black mayors association but not a white association, for example, or a black congressional caucus but not a white congressional caucus. Since urban problems affect white and black alike, and since everything Congress does affects white and black alike, I really don't see the point of these organizations, and I think they are potentially dangerous.

The answer to racism is to eliminate race from our thought processes. As yet, many blacks are not willing to do that.

Some of them make a good living by being black. I don't see any difference between a racial agitator who is black and one who is white. They are just working different sides of the street.

A main ingredient of the stupidity of racism is the pretense that one group is all good and the other group is all bad. In fact, both groups are part of the human race and as such are a mixture of good and evil. As for injustice, much if not most of human history is the story of injustice.

The pursuit of a just society is a task that befalls every generation and always will, because the temptation of the strong to dominate or take advantage of the weak will always be present. The trick is to zero in on real injustices and not create imaginary injustices.

As for those who want reparations for slavery, they should consider going to Africa. It was, after all, Africans who enslaved other Africans and sold them to the Europeans.

Steven Spielberg ended his movie "Amistad" too soon. The hero of the movie, Cinque, who led the slave mutiny, returned to Africa a free man and, according to historians, became a successful slave trader himself.

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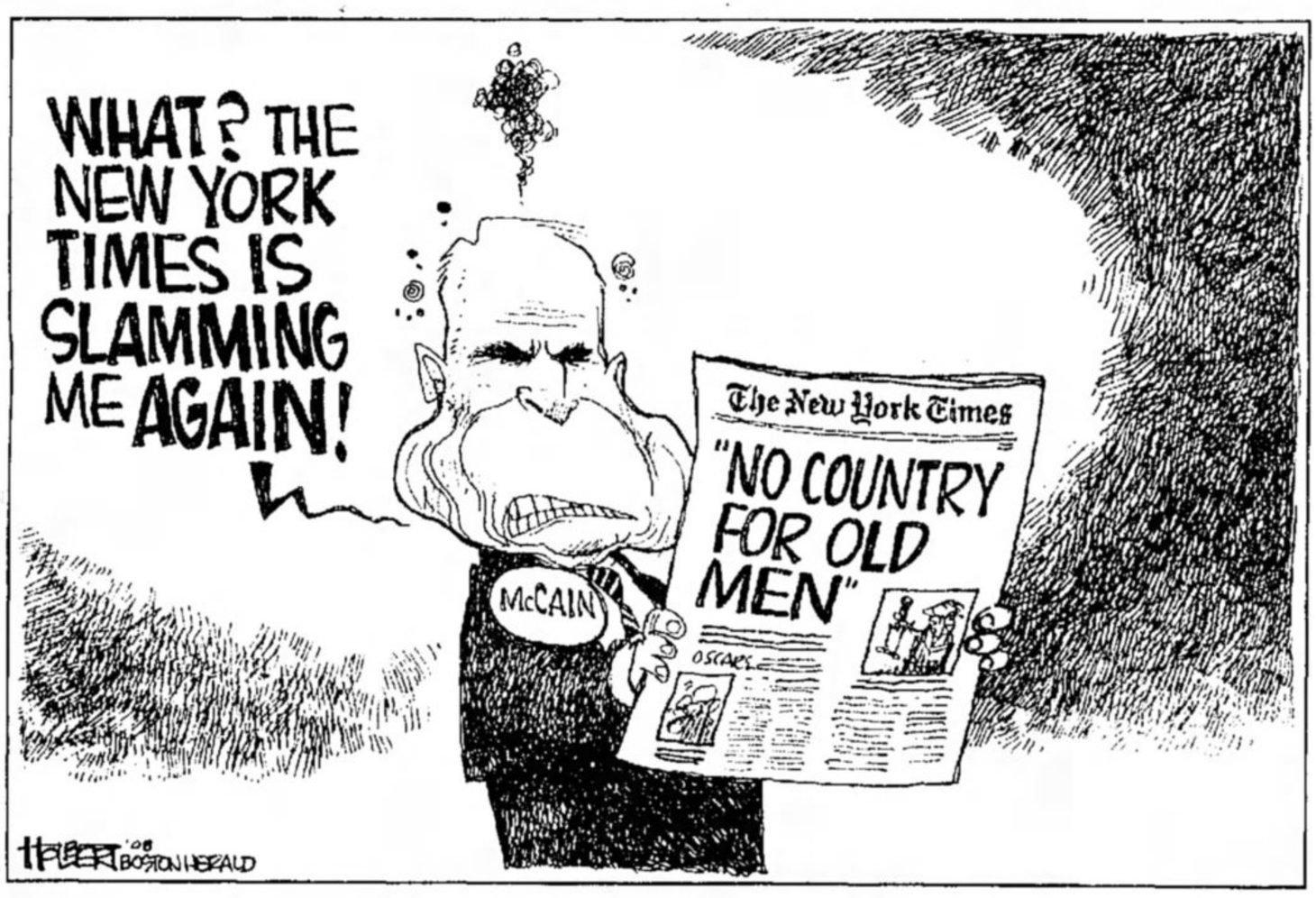
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Everybody wants 'change'

William **RUSHER**

The deep thinkers have now done their work, and are back with the result: What American voters want, in this year of our Lord 2008, is "change."

Now, why didn't you and I think of that? Every politician worthy of the name knows that "change" is the one dependably desirable thing in the political universe.

It demands the eradication of everything in the status quo that is undesirable, and its replacement with something better. (A moment's thought would suggest that change might also result in the eradication of aspects of the status quo that are desirable, but somehow that never occurs to us.)

So politicians are perfectly safe in demanding "change," and they are forever doing it. As far as possible, they demand it without specifying exactly which changes they are for. That, they prefer to leave to you. What annoys you? Your noisy neighbors? Your spouse? Your unduly demanding boss? The crooks in City Hall? The greedy corporations? The rapacious unions? The Red Chinese? An adept politician can manage to suggest that he shares all of these exasperations with you, and may even be able to ameliorate one or two of them.

The trouble, of course, is that change always entails consequences — and not only the consequences we intended, but usually others that we never anticipated.

This result is so common that it has a natural law named after it: the Law of Unintended Consequences. So, if fortunate, we learn early in life to be on the lookout for these disagreeable little surprises, and to avoid them where we can.

But this year, we are told, the voters are particularly hungry for change, and the politicians are eager to provide it. Very well, then — what changes shall we provide?

Higher taxes, to provide revenues for the benefit of the nation? There is very little demand for that. Lower taxes, then, to allow us to keep more of what we earn? Only at the price of services — police protection, fire control, medical care — that we cannot sensibly forego.

It soon becomes clear that every society is a carefully constructed combination of contributions to a common goal.

We can tinker with the contributions at the edges, but there are sharp limits to what we can force people to contribute, and perhaps even sharper ones to the goals we can persuade them to forego.

So the undifferentiated demand for "change," as a political slogan, is simply a fraud — and a dangerous fraud at that. It asks the voter to identify what annoys him most, and then to assume that eradicating that is what the politician has in mind.

Back in 1946, the national Republican Party, emerging from 14 years of the New Deal, ran on the national slogan, "Had enough? Vote Republican!" It was an inspired example of the sort of the technique described above.

Whatever the voter had "had enough" of — whatever was annoying him — could be attacked and countered (the slogan suggested) by voting Republican. And the evidence is that it worked, because the voters promptly sent to Washington the first Republican Congress in 16 years.

Of course, calls for change can just as easily be desirable as pernicious — as the Republicans in 1946 undoubtedly thought theirs was.

But it will behoove us to consider carefully what sort of change is being asked for. "Change" is not, simply and everywhere, desirable. In political affairs particularly, a given change can be desirable in certain respects but thoroughly undesirable in others.

Let us beware, therefore, the political analyst who tells us, to all appearances approvingly, that what the public wants this year is "change."

Maybe so; or perhaps different sections of the public want directly contradictory kinds of change. There is more here than meets the eye.

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Diary of a First Street Rambler

Columnist moves from playing to coaching

Monday, July 12, 1948
Dear Diary,

I've been meaning to tell you about the new baseball league they started in Monessen.

The PAL decided to have two divisions this year. One division is for little kids from nine to twelve and the other league is for us big kids from thirteen to fifteen.

Boy, I sure wish they had started that younger division when I was a little kid. Guys like me, Halfy, Jonesy, Heads and Wally Geeza would have got to play way more than we did. It doesn't seem fair, but I'm glad they finally started something for little kids.

I think the guys who were behind this new league were Bud Roman and Johnny Destefano. Bud always said that we needed something for the smaller kids and Mr. Destefano has a son named Jerry who he wanted to play this year. Mr. Destefano started this team he calls the Rangers.

Guess what? The Ramblers have a team in this new league, too, and I'm the one who got them started.

I call my team the Little Ramblers and they are pretty good. So far, we only lost one game, and that was to

Ralph E. **STONE**

the Rangers.

One of the kids on my team is Monk Hall. His real name is Frances, but everyone calls him Monk. Monk can really hit a baseball. He has more home runs than any kid in the league. The only trouble with Monk is that he is lazy. He is a good outfielder when he wants to be, but he'll go out in left field and just sit down 'cause no balls are coming to him! I shout and tell him to get up. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn't. When he doesn't, I have to put a sub in for him. It hurts when you have to take your best hitter out of the game, but I can't let him get away with that, 'cause then everyone would try it.

Another good player on my team is Chris Bolias. Chris used to play softball with us in that lot next to Stern's Furniture Store. I'd pick him to be on my side lots of times 'cause he could hit the ball pretty good. When I started to form the Little Ramblers, I asked Chris to play for us. I made him my second baseman. He's a good fielder too. Chris also brought this other kid with him. His name is Fuzzy Galilei, and he is my first baseman.

My leadoff hitter and right fielder is the smallest and youngest kid on the team. He is my buddy Carl Steele's younger brother, Harry. Harry is really a good leadoff man 'cause even though he is small, he can smack singles all over the field.

Herkie Kuvinka is my best pitcher. When Herkie found out I was starting a team, he asked if he could play for me. He also brought Monk with him and this kid I play at third base, Ozzie Karlosky.

Other kids on the Little Ramblers include Joey Vernet, my shortstop, Bobby Martin, my catcher, and Roger Clingerman.

The little league guys play their games on Mondays and Wednesdays, and us big kids play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. That way I can do both things, coach the Little Ramblers and also play for the big team. Both teams are doing pretty good. Us big guys are tied for first place, and my little team is in second place behind the Rangers. I really enjoy managing, and, so far, I think I'm doing a pretty good job.

Author's Notes: 1948 was the first time Monessen had a kids' league which was divided into two age categories.

That same year, they also started the two-divisional idea in basketball. It was the beginning of a feeder system for high school sports. It would still be several years, however, before a youth football program would be developed.

The Ranger team of which I spoke, won the championship that year. Johnny Destefano's team included Smokey Widszewski, Dave Ferrari, Jerry Destefano, Bill Mitnik, Nick Mahalko, Ron Danko, Jimmy Soloman, Joe Tucci, Bob Mastracci, Andy Varganin and John Harhai.

My Little Rambler team settled for second place, but my hard – hitting yet lazy outfielder, Frances "Monk" Hall, still managed to reign as the league's home run king. Monk still has a ball autographed by the former Pirate third baseman and manager, Pie Traynor, which was presented to him in an awards program.

I occasionally see Monk at the City Park walking trail. He tells me he wishes he had put more effort into the skills he had.

"I should have listened to you," he laments, "maybe I could have gone somewhere with it."

Another member of that Little Rambler team that I have remained in close contact with is Chris Bolias. Chris sometimes loves to boast of his hitting prowess, contending that he was a big home run hitter, but I counter by telling our mutual friends that he was a "banjo" hitter. Actually, he was a solid line drive hitter, but I wouldn't want him to know that I said that!

That 1948 season was the first of many seasons in which I coached youth baseball and basketball teams. In addition to Monessen, my mentoring services included teams in Scottdale, Carroll Township, Charleroi, Spring Grove in York County and on Long Island, N.Y. I gave up these coaching duties about thirty years ago, but I will always cherish the memories.

In 1949, I continued to manage the Little Ramblers. That year, we again settled for second place, this time behind a team called the Rockets. That year, my banjo-hitting second baseman, Chris Bolias, became a traitor like Benedict Arnold, Rab Currie and Mushy Moskola. He crossed over to the Rocket team.

That same year, Johnny Destefano decided to end his managerial days. John asked me if his son, Jerry, could play for the Little Ramblers. Jerry, the father of Rocky Destefano, who was a Greyhound and Pitt Panther football great, became my best pitcher. I was quite pleased that Mr. Destefano chose me to coach his son.

I also had the distinction of managing another little guy who caught for me. His name was Eddie Gombos. Eddie, many years later in 1996, became a candidate for President of the United States.

There aren't too many little league managers who can claim such an honor.

Eddie today, lives in Addison, Ill.

If he gets word of this story, I'd like to hear from him.

Next Week: A move to Nash Avenue

Telling doc about a fall could prevent another

Experts say asking about earlier tumbles makes good sense for any physician.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trip and fall lately?

Seniors often won't mention it unless they're hurt, but new guidelines say that first tumble is a good predictor of who's at risk for another, more serious fall.

With deaths from falls increasing, the guidelines urge doctors to ask patients to 'fess up.

Better would be to prevent even that first fall. Now scientists are testing simple wrist monitors that may one day be used to predict who is most likely to topple, by tracking how stable they are with each step on any given day.

"Even the frail elderly individuals, some days they have good days and some days they have bad days," says lead researcher Thurmon Lockhart, who in his Virginia Tech laboratory literally forces volunteers to trip in the name of science to determine what makes one person fall while another stays upright.

It's a question of growing urgency, as fatal falls have spiked in the last decade. The government recorded more than 19,000 deaths from fall-caused injuries in 2005, the latest data available. Three-fourths were among people 65 and older.

Nonfatal falls trigger another half-million hospitalizations and almost 2 million emergency room visits.

Anybody can fall, especially during ice-slick winters or while playing sports. Lockhart even worked with UPS, the brown-truck delivery company, to help train their new drivers to avoid falls while hoisting packages.

But aging brings physical changes that make a fall more likely. Still, falls are something of the Rodney Dangerfield of injury prevention, so commonplace — one in three seniors falls each year — that they receive little attention until someone is seriously harmed, such as breaking a hip or suffering a brain injury.

Associated Press

Linda Frazier uses a reflective ball, infrared system that bounces back to the camera marker at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Va.

Hence the emphasis on revealing earlier falls in guidelines published by the American Academy of Neurology last week.

Someone who's fallen in the past year without a logical reason, such as a sports injury, has about a 55 percent chance of falling again — and thus may need special attention to prevent injury.

At highest risk of falling, the guidelines found, are people with gait or balance problems, dementia, Parkinson's disease or a history of stroke, weakness or nerve disorders in legs, impaired vision or who use certain medications.

The guidelines are aimed at neurologists, but a specialist in falls says asking about earlier tumbles makes good sense for any physician.

Don't "pass it off as a natural part of the aging process, but see it as a symptom with many possible underlying causes, some of which are highly treatable," says Dr. David Riley of University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland.

But before that first fall, the specific physical changes that determine why one senior can recover from a slip while another won't are poorly understood. Enter the Virginia Tech research.

First Lockhart tripped up several dozen people, a mix of young and old. Don't worry: Safety harnesses kept fallers dangling harmlessly in the air, instead of crashing. Videotape and sensors captured each movement, to map the physiology of falling.

Younger people recovered balance better so that a slip seldom turned into a fall, although some seniors recovered, too.

Why were others fall-prone? As you age, your gait becomes more variable. Seniors tend to compensate with shorter steps. But if one step varies in speed, length or direction from the next, it wobbles the up-and-down torso motion that is a key to balance while walking, Lockhart found.

So when seniors with an unstable gait encounter an obstacle — a bump in the sidewalk or a slick floor — they're already off-kilter and thus less able to recover, he explains.

Lockhart found that it's possible to measure that gait instability with some small, cheap devices, accelerometers and gyroscopes.

Now, with funding from the National Institutes of Health, he has begun experiments to see if a wireless wrist monitor containing the gadgets, made by a company called AFrame Digital Inc., can truly predict who is fall-prone.

If that sounds complicated, there is a simple test anyone can do today to check if their leg muscles are weakening enough to worry about a fall.

It's called the "get up and go" test: Sit in a hard, straight-backed chair. Fold your arms across your chest. Try to stand. If you can't on the first try, tell a doctor so you can be checked for possible problems, says Cleveland's Riley.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Here's a rundown on activities scheduled at local senior centers for the week starting Monday:

CENTER ON THE HILL

Monday – 9-2, taxes-appointments required; 10:30, bingo; 11, canasta; 12:45, euchre; 6, pinochle.

Tuesday – 9:30, video exercise; 10, healthy steps program; 10:30, bingo; 11, crafts; 1, card clubs; 2-7:30, massages; 6, pinochle; 7, euchre.

Wednesday – 9-2, taxes-appointments required; 10:30, bingo, blood pressure, Bible study; 1, jam session.

Thursday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 12:30, book club meeting; 1, jackpot bingo.

Friday – 10:30, bingo.

RIVERSIDE PLACE (CHARLEROI)

Monday – 9-3:30, Income tax preparations; 9, dance town, scrap booking; 10, exercise for arthritis; 11, blood pressures; 11:30, bingo; 1, darts; jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 9-3:30, Income tax preparations; 9, dance town; 10, computer training; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii (video games).

Wednesday – 9, dance town; 11, silver sneakers; 11:30, bingo; 1, big bingo; 2-7, massages; 5, Zumba; jigsaw puzzles; Wii.

Thursday – 9, dance town; 10, exercise for arthritis, line dancing; 11:30, bingo; 1, darts; 7, Nurses Club; jigsaw puzzles; Wii.

Friday – Income tax preparations; 8, fried dough; 9, dance town; 10, computer training; 11, pizza sale; 11:30, bingo; noon, low-impact aerobics; 12:30, euchre; 1, silver sneakers, jigsaw puzzles; Wii.

DONORA

Monday – 10, advanced line dancing; 11:45, bingo; 1:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

Wednesday – 10-2, taxes; 10, beginner's line dancing; 11, identity theft; 11:45, bingo; 1:30, bingo.

Thursday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

Friday – 10, blood pressures; 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

MONESSEN

Monday – 1, bingo.

Tuesday – Income tax returns by appointment-(724) 684-6105; 1:45, sit 'n fit; card games, "65"/rummydominoes.

Wednesday – 10:30, Bible study with Jim, 12:30, bridge club; card games-"65"rummy/dominoes.

Thursday – Wheeling Downs; Income tax returns by appointment-(724) 684-6105; 11:45, sit 'n fit; card games-"65"/rummy/dominoes; 1:45, sit and fit.

Friday – card games-"65"/rummy/dominoes; dominoes (Mexican Train) morning and afternoon.

MONONGAHELA

Monday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards.

Tuesday – 9, craft class; 10, blood pressures; 11:30, bingo; 1, cards, darts.

Wednesday – 10:45, dominoes; 11:30, bingo; 1, cards.

Thursday – 10:45, Shakespeare production "The Tempest," by Finley Middle School students; 11:30, bingo; 1, super bingo, cards.

Friday – 9-1, Income tax preparation; 11, identity theft; 11:30, bingo; 1, cards.

PERRYOPOLIS

Monday – 9-2, Income tax preparation, poker club, card club; 10, PEPPI exercises; 1, site committee, cards and table games, jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

Tuesday – 8, walking; 10, pinochle, sing-along; 1, pickin' and grinning; jigsaw puzzle assembling morning and afternoon.

Wednesday – 9, big bingo; 9:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

Thursday – 9, ceramics; 9:30, blood pressures; 10, PEPPI exercise; 1, crafts, pickin' and grinning; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

Friday – 9:30, bingo; 10, needlework; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

SENIOR CENTER MENUS

Here's a look at lunch menus for local senior citizen centers for the week starting Monday:

Center in the Woods, Center on the Hill, Charleroi, Donora, Monongahela and Perryopolis

Monday – Baked ham sandwich
Tuesday – rigatoni and meatballs
Wednesday – baked chicken
Thursday – chili con carne
Friday – baked fish sandwich

Monessen and West Newton

Monday – chili con carne
Tuesday – Swiss steak
Wednesday – chicken patty
Thursday – stuffed cabbage
Friday – tuna salad

When you come home ...

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TV LISTINGS

Girl's poem urges restraint before rushing to judgment

DEAR ABBY: I am a 12-year-old freshman at an all-girls school.

Prior to this I was in the public school system.

Today I was thinking about my experiences in both systems of schools, which inspired me to write the following poem. You can print it if you like.

Perhaps it will strike a chord with educators and students.

Maybe it won't.

But I wanted to get my feelings out on this subject and help to stop unfair judgment. — **LEALIA XIONG, GUILFORD, CONN.**

DEAR LEALIA: I'm pleased to share your poem and the important message it so succinctly conveys.

Dear **ABBY**

You have tremendous insight for one so young, and talent as well.

DON'T JUDGE

Don't judge people you hardly know.
You don't know what their day has been like.
You don't know what their life has been like.
Don't judge.
Don't judge someone who seems
As if she's overreacting.
You don't know if she's lost someone
She loved dearly
Or if her parents are getting a divorce
Or fighting over nothing.
Don't judge.
Don't judge someone who's different.
He's probably one of the nicest people you'll know.
Or the funniest.
Or the smartest.
Take the time to get to know people.
Walk with them.
Run with them.
Share their triumphs and their sorrows.
Maybe they don't dance through life
As you thought.
Don't judge.

DEAR ABBY: I am a stay-at-home mom of an active 3-year-old boy, with another on the way.

Before my son, "Chad," was born, my husband and I took in a loving yellow Labrador, "Sparky" (now 8), who had been neglected.

While I love Sparky very much, he is just too much work for me because he is so needy.

He often becomes nervous and "stuck" in certain rooms and must be physically coaxed into the next room.

His anxiety causes him to bark uncontrollably at cars, people walking by, etc.

He is absolutely out of control when someone comes to the door.

He has damaged our home, wakes us up when we're sleeping, wants to go in and out all day, and is constantly underfoot.

Our efforts to train Sparky have failed, and I'm simply out of patience.

The trouble is, my husband has no sympathy for the difficulty this causes me when I'm home during the day, and he refuses to discuss alternative options.

I don't know what to do and have overwhelming feelings of guilt.

I find myself actually looking forward to the day when Sparky dies so that I can be relieved of this burden. Please help. — **DOG TIRED, PALMYRA, N.Y.**

DEAR DOG TIRED: The problems you described are not your dog's fault. Many rescue animals have "issues" not unlike Sparky's.

You need to talk to your vet about this, and also a professional dog trainer.

If that doesn't resolve your problem, then contact the rescue group that placed Sparky with you so they can find him another home.

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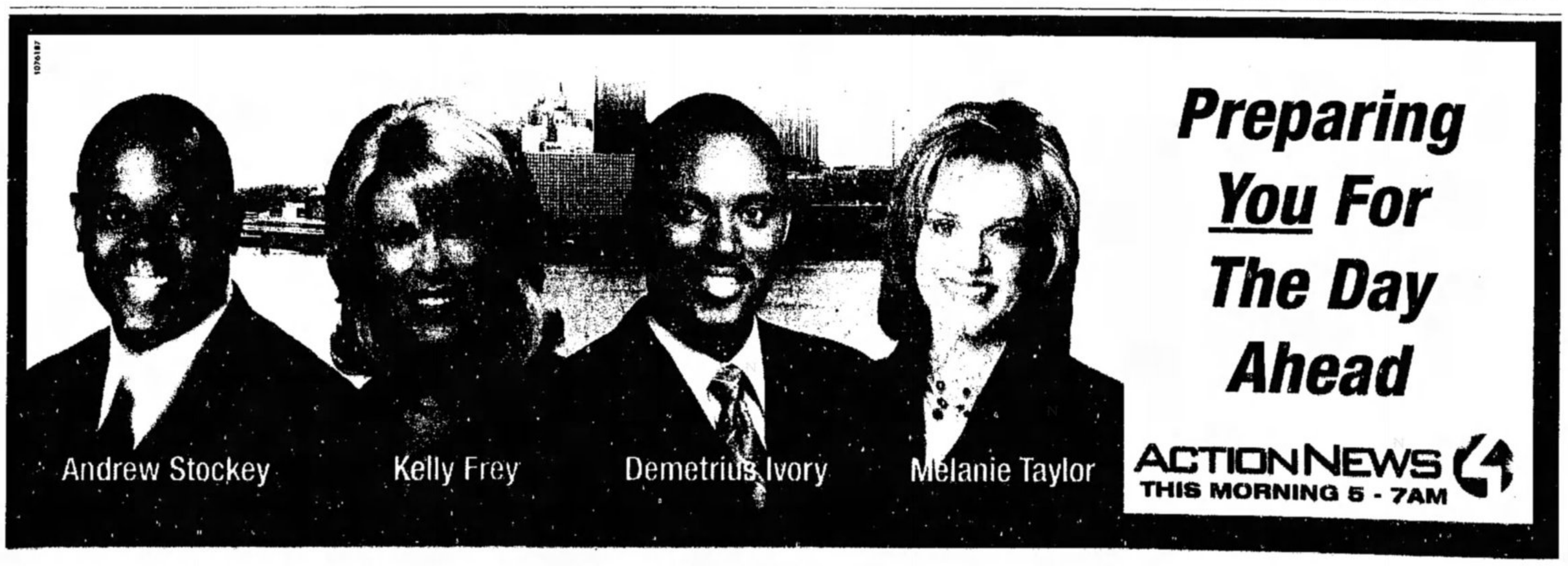
FRIDAY EVENING — FEB. 29, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	(2) (7) News (N)/ (10) WTAJ News at 6 (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men	The Price Is Right Million Dollar Spectacular (N)		Ghost Whisperer "Double Exposure" Professor Payne's date refuses to have her picture taken.		NUMB3RS "Primacy" An alternate-reality gamer plunges to his death.		(2) (7) News (N)/ (10) WTAJ News at 11 (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Woody Harrelson; Tommy Tiernan. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Coolio; Dweezil Zappa. (N)		(2) Extra/ (7) The Insider/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond "Boys' Therapy"	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show Donna goes on the pill.	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) H20 Vac V4C/ (10) AutomotiveVision.TV
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider Paris Hilton's footwear. (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Forever Young" Teenagers fill the ER after a school-bus crash.		20/20 (N)		20/20 (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight Courteney Cox. (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune (N)	AmneSia (N)		Dateline NBC A man disappears before he can be charged with murder. (N)				News (N)	(6) (11) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno Dave Salmoni and animals. (N)/ (9) High School Hockey West Virginia State Championship. From Wheeling, W.V.		(6) (11) Late Night With Conan O'Brien Christina Ricci; Shooter Jennings. (N)	(9) Late Night With Conan O'Brien Christina Ricci; Shooter Jennings. (N)	Last Call With Carson Daly Neil Strauss.	Poker After Dark Patrick Antonius; Johnny Chan; Roland de Wolfe; Daniel Negreanu; Gus Hansen; John Juanda. (N)	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld The first 100 episodes.	Bones "The Woman in the Car" The suspect is in the Witness Protection Program.		House "Who's Your Daddy" A girl has hallucinations about Hurricane Katrina.		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) Seinfeld Jerry and George write series pilot.	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(6) Frasier/ (51) Scrubs	(8) ★★ Holy Man (1998)/ (53) Scrubs "My Fruit Cups"	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Flipping Houses/ (53) Sex and-City	(8) Incredible Digestion Techniques/ (53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OffQ	Washington Week (N)	NOW on PBS (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		Slavery and the Making of America		Charlie Rose (N)		OffQ	Tavis Smiley (N)	Safe Harbor		Great Performances	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! The latest regarding the Floyd Mayweather vs. Big Show match at WrestleMania. (N)				The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park "Damien"	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	★★ Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (2004)				TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		More than Dreams: Dini		Noah's Ark	Life Message	In Touch-Dr. Charles Stanley		CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts		TV One Life	The Zone	Extreme Life	Ultimate	Pure Passion
(59) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Canadian Rockies Sports		ReGenesis		Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Dead Zone"		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Shattered"		CSI: Miami "Payback"		The Sopranos		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Shattered"		CSI: Miami "Payback"	
ABCFAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	Grounded-Life	★★★ Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001) J.K. Rowling's student wizard has his first adventure.							The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★★ Species (1995)				★★★½ The Matrix (1999) A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation.						★★ Gothika (2003)				★ Piñata: Survival Island (2002)			Beast-Die
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Alligators		Lemur King.	Lemur King.	Chimp Eden	Clinically Wild	Animal Heroes Phoenix		Lemur King.	Lemur King.	Chimp Eden	Clinically Wild	Animal Heroes Phoenix		Alligators	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Coupling	Coupling		Mitchell-Webb	Newsnight		Coupling	Coupling		Mitchell-Webb	Coupling	Coupling		Mitchell-Webb
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Hell Date Spl.	★★★★ Glory (1989) Col. Shaw trains, leads an all-black Civil War regiment. Premiere.						Malcolm	Malcolm	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	★★★★ Glory (1989)			
BRAVO	The Millionaire Matchmaker		The Millionaire Matchmaker		The Millionaire Matchmaker		The Millionaire Matchmaker		★★½ Shall We Dance? (2004)				★★★ Misery (1990) Premiere.				★★★ Misery (1990)	
CMT	Gone Country	Gone Country	Gone Country	Gone Country	Gone Country	Home Videos	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Gone Country		Gone Country	Gone Country	Gone Country	Gone Country	Gone Country	Redneck Wed	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money	Net Worth	The Suze Orman Show		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		The Suze Orman Show		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★★ Malibu's Most Wanted		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Presents	Presents	Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity			Presents	★★ Beer League (2006)			
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	American Jail	American Jail	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	The Investigators		Power, Privilege & Justice		American Jail	American Jail	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	The Investigators	
CSPAN	House of Rep.	Tonight From Washington			Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered				Tonight From Washington		Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered				Capital News Today		Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Survivorman		Man vs. Wild "Mexico"		Fight Quest "USA" (N)		Fight Quest "Israel"		Survivorman		Man vs. Wild "Mexico"		Fight Quest "USA"	
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	★★★ Freaky Friday (2003)				That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Heath Ledger	Chelsea	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	What Is Sexy? 2008		Snoop Father	Snoop Father	The Soup (N)	Britney-Siege	E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	The Soup	Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	E! News	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter			NBA	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Chicago Bulls.					NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Denver Nuggets.					SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	College Basketball		American Gladiators		Boxing: 1971	Chris Berman	Can't Blame	College Basketball: CIAA Semifinal — Teams TBA			College Basketball: CIAA Semifinal — Teams TBA					AWA Wrestling Championship		Chris Berman
ESPN2	NASCAR Now	Rome-Burning	NFL Live	Arena Football Preview	Boxing		Boxing Friday Night Fights.				SportsCenter		NFL Live (N)	College Gamenight		NASCAR Now	NBA Basketball	
EWTN	Divine	Walter Ciszek	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Worth Living	Holy Rosary	Defending	Reasons	Rome Reports	Holy Land	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Worth Living	Defending
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live Shrimp.		Good Eats	Tasty Travels	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Paula's Party Elegant ball.		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Paula's Party Elegant ball.		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat		Pens Rewind	Toughest Cowboy (N)		Hooters Dream Girl II		SportsBeat	Final Score	Hooters Dream Girl II		Final Score	Hooters Dream Girl II		Pens Rewind	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★★★ Joy Ride (2001)				★★ Urban Legend (1998)				★★ Urban Legend (1998)				★★★ Joy Ride (2001)				Paid	Paid
GOLF	Post Game	LPGA Tour Golf		Golf-Academy	Golf-Academy	Top 10	Top 10	PGA Tour Golf Honda Classic — Second Round.				Golf Central	Top 10	PGA Champions Clinic		Jebel Ali Challenge Highlights		Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Be a Millionaire		Family Feud	Family Feud	Tell the Truth	Tell the Truth	Lingo	Whammy	Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		★★★ The Bridges of Madison County (1995)						Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Extreme	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Desperate Sp.	Color Correct.	Find Style	House	House	Get It Sold	Parents	Designed-Sell	Desperate Sp.	Color Correct.	Find Style	House	House
HIST	Dogfights		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels "Runways"		Shockwave (N)		Battle 360 "Call to Duty" (N)		Dogfights "Supersonic" (N)		Modern Marvels "Runways"		Shockwave		Battle 360 "Call to Duty"	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Your Mama Don't Dance (N)		★★½ Beauty Shop (2005)				Your Mama Don't Dance		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Raw "Convict Code"		Lockup: Raw		Dateline NBC		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Raw "Convict Code"		Dateline NBC	
MTV	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Best Dance Crew		America's Best Dance Crew		True Life		Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass
NICK	iCarly	iCarly	Zoey 101	Zoey 101	Barnyard	Avatar	Tigre: Rivera	Tak	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.
OXY	★★ Where the Heart Is (2000)					★★ Where the Heart Is (2000)					Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show		Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Abbey	Abbey
PCN	PCN Tours		PA House Senate Budget Hearings										PCN Tours		PCN Profiles		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	News	NightTalk: Get to the Point		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Hornsberger	Fedko Fone	News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Nemesis"		Stargate SG-1 "Beachhead"		Chuck		Stargate Atlantis		Stargate Atlantis (N)		Stargate SG-1 "Lockdown"		Stargate Atlantis		Stargate SG-1 Robots.		Stargate Atlantis	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		When Animals Attack III		Most Amazing Videos		Disorderly Conduct: Video		MXC	MXC	GameTrailers	GameTrailers	★★½ Candyman (1992)	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	★★★ Wedding Crashers (2005) Premiere.					Sex and-City	Sex and-City	★★★ Steel Magnolias (1989)				
TCM	★★★★ 12 Angry Men (1957)				★★★ The Day of the Jackal (1973)					★★★ Three Days of the Condor (1975)				★★★½ Marathon Man (1976)				Boys-Brazil
TLC	What Not to Wear		Home Chef	Home Chef	Say Yes to the Dress		What Not to Wear (N)		10 Years Younger (N)		What Not to Wear		Say Yes to the Dress		10 Years Younger		Home Chef	Home Chef
TNT	Law & Order "Collision"		Law & Order "Smoke"		★★★ Sleepy Hollow (1999)				★★★ Sleepy Hollow (1999)				The Breed (2006)				★★ The Craft (1996)	
TOON	Camp Lazlo	Foster	Chowder	George	Jimmy's Head	Foster	Camp Lazlo	George	Chowder	Jimmy's Head	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Full-Alchemist	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRAVEL	Disney Cruise Line		Walt Disney World Resort		Europe-Brown	Europe-Brown	America's Haunted Houses		Most Haunted		Mysterious Journeys		Europe-Brown	Europe-Brown	America's Haunted Houses		Most Haunted	
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	★★½ Sixteen Candles (1984)				★★★ Say Anything... (1989)				Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Monk		Law & Order: SVU		Monk		Law & Order: SVU		House "Poison"		★★★ Breakdown (1997)				★★ Dragonfly (2002)	
VH1	Where, Now: Reality Stars		Salt N Pepa	Rags Rich	Celebrity Rehab		Best Week	Free Radio	Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Best Week	Free Radio	The Flavor of Love		Scott Baio	Celebrity Rehab		My Fair Brady
VS.	North-Alaska	Outdoor	Roland Martin	North-Alaska	Hunt-Big Fish	City Limits	Tred Barta	Dollar Fly	Saltwater	Bass Pros	Hunt-Big Fish	City Limits	Tred Barta	Dollar Fly	Saltwater	Bass Pros	Roland Martin	North-Alaska
WE	★★★ Mermaids (1990)		Women On Death Row Women's prison.				Women on Death Row 2 Execution.				48 Hours: Murder They Wrote		Secret Lives of Women		Women On Death Row Women's prison.			
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Home Videos	★★★ G.I. Jane (1997)					WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Chappelle's	Chappelle's	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Corner Gas
ENC	★★ Stick It (2006)				★★½ The Da Vinci Code (2006)					★★ Striptease (1996)				★½ Porky's Revenge (1985)			★★ Screamers (1995)	
HBO	★ Epic Movie (2007)		REAL Sports		The Wire "Clarifications"		In Treatment	In Treatment	Entourage	Entourage	Real Time With Bill Maher		Comedy Jam	★★½ The Black Dahlia (2006)				Bill Maher
MAX	★★ The Hills Have Eyes (2006)		★★ Lethal Weapon 4 (1998)						★★★ The Patriot (2000) A man and his son fight side by side in the Revolutionary War.					Sin City	Kinky Sex Club (2005)			Reno 911
SHOW	Yours, Mine	★★★ The Truman Show (1998)				★★½ Puccini for Beginners (2006)			The L Word		Boxing Robert Guerrero vs. Jason Litzau.			★½ The Crow: City of Angels (1996)			★★½ Dirty (2005)	
STARZ	12 Monkeys	★★½ The Holiday (2006)				★★ Perfect Stranger (2007)					★★★ American Pie (1999)			★★ Ghost Rider (2007)				Head Case
TMC	★★ Godsend (2004) A scientist clones a couple's dead son.				★½ In the Mix (2005)			★★½ Meatballs (1979)				★½ Love Stinks (1999)			Sexual Retreat (2004)			House Fls



NEWS / FEATURES

The Tri-County K-9 Search Team has added equipment. In front of a new command trailer, from left, are Bonnie Flowers and K-9 Ranger; Barb Shumar and K-9 Max; Matt Smelser and K-9 Mondo; Jack Kimberlin and K-9 Gunner; and Jason Walter and K-9 Joey.

K-9 Search Team adds equipment

The group has established a wilderness emergency crew.

The Rostraver Township-based Tri-County K-9 Search Team added new equipment.

The team bought a 16-foot command trailer with a grant obtained through state Rep. R. Ted Harhai, D-Monessen.

The team received a Rose Melenyzer donation to purchase a 1997 Dodge pickup truck used to haul the trailer.

Local businesses donated money and other equipment.

The team now includes a medical crew, the members of which are certified as wilderness emergency medical technicians.

The members are trained to treat victims for hours, days or, if necessary, weeks.

Under the direction of Allegheny General Hospital physician P.S. Martin, the team can perform many advanced and basic life support skills.

Allegheny General and Life Flight has provided the team with an automatic external defibrillator for use on the command trailer.

Based at Rostraver/West Newton Emergency Services, the volunteers employ K-9 dogs to locate missing people, drowning victims and human remains.

The team comprises about 20 members and 12 special trained dogs.

ANNIVERSARIES

The McElfreshes in 1958

The couple today

McElfresh 50th

Everett and Geraldine McElfresh, of Monessen, were guests of honor during a surprise 50th wedding anniversary dinner party hosted by the couple's children. Approximately 100 family members and friends were in attendance.

The McElfreshes were married March 6, 1958, in Cumberland, Md. They met at the former Piggy Wiggy Skating Rink, which was located along Route 906 in Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township).

They are the parents of two children, Everett "Butch", of Belle Vernon, and Tammy, of Hershey. They also have five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Everett McElfresh is retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and his wife is a homemaker.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Belle Vernon Golden Agers

Following the opening of the February meeting, a moment of silence was observed for recently deceased members William Heath and Mary Soltis.

Betty Savarino, chaplain, led the opening prayer following the flag salute. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Irene Baron, Edith Weaver and Elane Laszewski.

Kitchen aides were Shirley Fugo, Eleanor Duwall, Lidia Salvino, Loretta Mitchner and Edith Ferencz. They were assisted by Leo Potisek, Jim Savarino and George Fugo.

Chosen as King and Queen for Valentine's Day were Don Mitchner and Rhoada Yusko. They were presented with monetary gifts.

A basket party will be held at the center on March 14, and a purse auction, on April 30. On April 25, a driver refresher course will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rose Delia read the minutes of the previous meeting, and Shirley Demko, treasurer, gave her report. A report of get-well and sympathy cards sent was also given.

Shirley Fugo, travel lady, announced a March 28 trip to Ohio, and a bus trip to Wheeling, W.Va., is also planned. For details, call her at 724-929-6659.

Several humorous readings for Valentine's Day were read by Betty Savarino.

Door prizes were won by Irene Baron, Jim Savarino, Edythe Ferencz, Kay Wozniak, Ann Stralinski, Loretta Mitchner, Marie Steinmiller, Betty Maguire, Betty Savarino and Rose Kander.

Servers for the March 13 meeting will be Pat Mikula, Betty Maguire, Eleanor Duwall, Sara Mitchell and Betty Savarino.

The meeting was closed by Betty Savarino. The remainder of the afternoon was spent playing games.

Donora Senior Citizens

The Feb. 21 meeting of the Donora Senior Citizens was opened by President Rose Galiffa.

The Lord's Prayer was recited, followed by the flag salute and singing of "God Bless America."

February birthday honoree was Pauline Martinez, February anniversary, Ann Rongaus.

Prizes were awarded to Laura Nezolek, Betty Mauser, Helen Pasterick, Erma Biagini, Hilda Lewis, Kathy Mitchell, Maria Paradise, Olga Galiffa and Martin Vavarosky.

The secretary's report was read by Mary Strain. Treasurer's report was read by Ann Rongaus. Helen Pasterick read a sympathy card to Margaret Senko and family.

Two readings were given by Mary Strain.

New members Kathy Mitchell and Martin Vavarosky were welcomed.

Hostesses for March are Marie Gardner, Angie Bradshaw and Virginia Andreko.

The meting was adjourned, first and seconded by Laura and Gerry Nezolek.

Italian American Heritage Society

President Fred Fundy opened the meeting of the Italian American Heritage Society with prayer and the flag salute.

Program Chairman Pierre Luti introduced speaker of the evening Mary Wilson Goff, wife of Nathan Goff, civil rights advocate. She is very active in her church, the Antioch Baptist Church, of Belle Vernon, and in various community organizations. Goff began her employment as a clerk typist in the unemployment office, became a supervisor and then manager of the Office of Unemployed Claims. In 1984 she retired.

State Rep. R. Ted Harhai was called upon for remarks.

The minutes and financial report of the previous month were then read and approved.

Dues are now due for the year 2008.

Chairperson Margaret Talarico stated the format for the St. Joseph's Feast will be different this year. A fee will be payable at the door. Telephone committee will contact members for reservations.

Member Patty Alcorn invited members to attend the Citizens Senior Prom 1 to 3 p.m. March 19 at the senior center. It is sponsored by the Leo Club, which includes ninth to 12th graders of Monessen High School. They will provide transportation, souvenirs and refreshments. There is no charge.

Monthly monetary award was won by Delfo DiGregorio.

Refreshments were served by Joanne and Tim Billick and their committee.

Tables were decorated with flowers, hearts, etc., appropriate for their Valentine's Day theme.

The next meeting will be held March 27.

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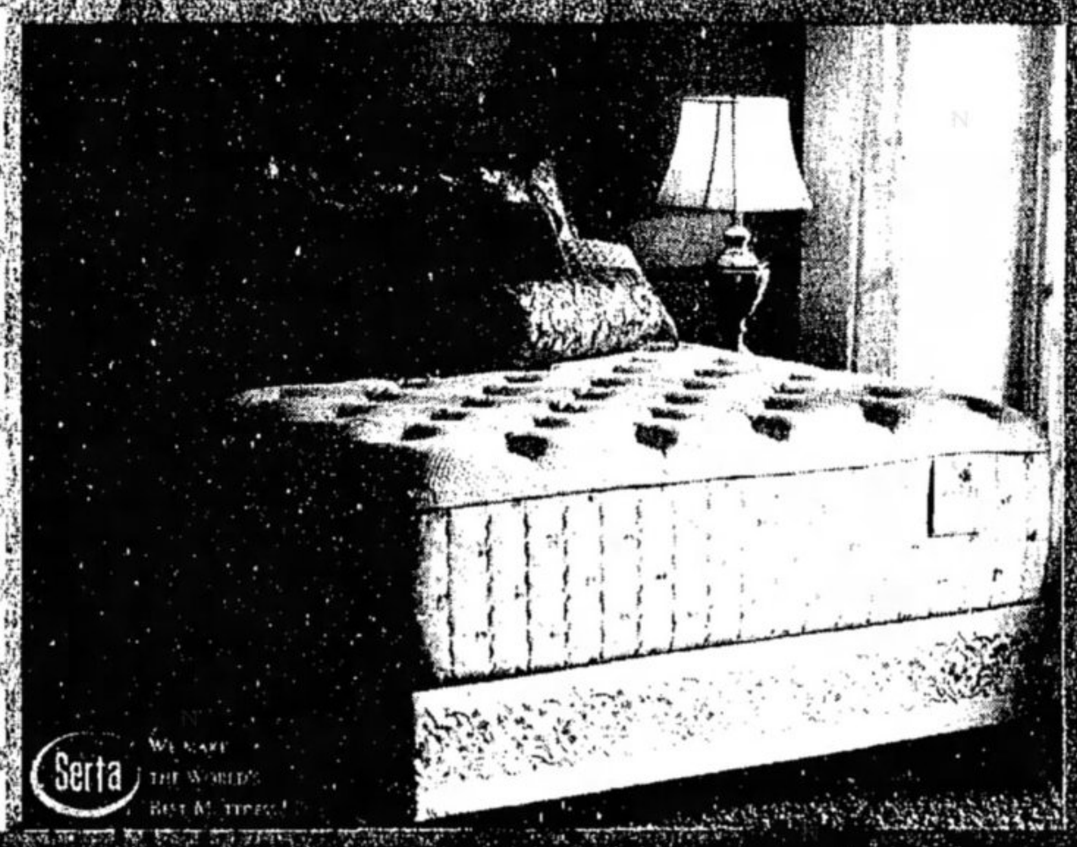

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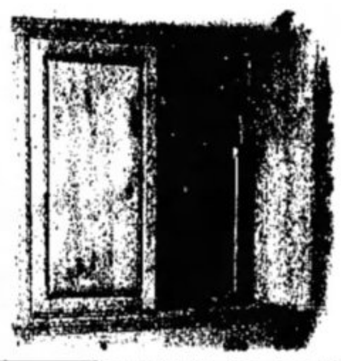
4 contracts offered

Nate Washington was among four restricted free agents who received contract offers Thursday from the Steelers. **2B**

Valley SPORTS



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PIAA play

The Bentworth boys' team begins its pursuit of a state basketball title tonight against Southern Fulton. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Which California University men's basketball player shares the PSAC record with 12 3-pointers in a game? **2B**

Last night's scores

N.Y. Rangers 4, Carolina 2
Boston 5, Pittsburgh 1
Philadelphia 3, Ottawa 1
N.Y. Islanders 5, Atlanta 4, OT
Phoenix 2, St. Louis 1
Dallas 7, Chicago 4

Brian **HERMAN**

Callaway back to Elizabeth

Bill Callaway wasn't out of coaching long.

After getting let go as Ringgold's coach following the 2007 season, Callaway has been hired as an assistant at Elizabeth Forward.

It will be Callaway's second stint with the Warriors; he coached six years there with Tom Emsurak before replacing Scott Henson at Ringgold.

A teacher in the Ringgold School District, Callaway won two section titles in his six years with the Rams.

Ironically, Elizabeth Forward and Ringgold are Class AAA Section 4 rivals.

The Warriors host Ringgold April 4 and play at Ringgold's Ken Griffey Field May 5.

Callaway won't be the only new face on Frank Champ's staff.

The other newcomer is Elizabeth Forward teacher Chris Weibl, whose brother Clint was an outstanding pitcher at Connellsville High and the University of Miami.

The Warriors will be returning to Gaffney, S.C., for their annual southern trip with games on four days (March 19-22).

■ Add Elizabeth Forward: The board has approved another varsity assistant football coach for Gary Cathell.

■ More E-F: Weather permitting, the Pittsburgh Passion will scrimmage the Baltimore Nighthawks Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Warriors' field.

The Passion will be making their debut this season in the much tougher Independent Women's Football League after posting a 12-0 record and rolling to the National Women's Football Association championship with a 32-0 romp over the Columbus Comets in their sixth year in the league.

Three of the Passion players have Warrior ties as former athletes in the school district including Natalie Pascarella Bartek, Jen Bowers and Natalie Bliel who are all rookies.

The Passion will open the season April 19 in Harrisburg against the Central Pa. Viper and make their home debut the following Saturday against the Boston Militia.

The Passion are playing their home games again at the George Cupples Stadium.

■ After one year as a defensive line coach at California University, Walt Whitehead is returning to Illinois and NCAA Division III Wheaton College.

A former head coach at both Brownsville and Jefferson-Morgan, Whitehead was Wheaten's offensive line coach for seven years before coming to Cal. He also was a Wheaton aide from 1990 to 1993.

Whitehead was a teammate of California University football coach John Luckhart at Purdue University.

■ And thanks to Jim McLaughlin, of Monessen, who says no one is rich enough to do without a neighbor!

Bouncing back?

Major Corley wants to see how his team responds to its first loss.

By BRIAN HERMAN
Sports Editor
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PITTSBURGH — How will the Monessen High girl's basketball team rebound from its first and only defeat of the season in last Friday's WPIAL Class A championship game?

That's the big question as the Lady Greyhounds (26-1) open the PIAA playoffs Saturday at 4 p.m. at North Hills High against District 6's Ferndale (22-5).

"It depends how bad the girls want it," said Monessen coach Major Corley.

Trying to rebound from a WPIAL title loss is nothing new for Corley.

He's 4-1 in PIAA openers after losing in the WPIAL's showcase game.

The defeat came in 2001 when Williamsburg clobbered the Lady Greyhounds, 69-40, at Connellsville.

A week earlier Monessen had lost 64-50 to Clairton despite a WPIAL championship record 39 point performance by then Lady Greyhound freshman Charel Allen.

The last time Monessen was in this position was 2003 when the Lady Greyhounds were a 42-35 winner over Berlin-Brothersvalley at Ringgold.

Monessen's other first round PIAA wins after title losses were in 1993 and 1998 over Rockwood and in 1996 over Juniata Valley.

As far as Corley is concerned, what happened in the past won't mean a thing tomorrow night.

"It will be interesting to see how we come out," he said. "We can't feel sorry for ourselves because we lost a game. We ran off a streak of 26 in a row so we should able to do win four more."

Corley, however, wasn't happy with the team's first practice after a four-day layoff.

"To be honest our practice was bad," he said. "Some of the girls are tired of basketball and know it could go another three weeks. I told them if they didn't want to play anymore to stay home."

Monessen is led by a pair of 1,000 point scorers — seniors Christina Chukwuedo and Kelly Mornak.

In the playoffs, Chukwuedo and Mornak are averaging 20 and 12 points, respectively.

Seniors Breane Minardi and Melissa Popovich and junior Samone Stepoli round out the starting cast, with senior Jessica Beveridge and junior Jessica Diggs the first players off the bench.

Ferndale, meanwhile, is coming off a third place showing in District 6.

The Yellow Jackets downed Blairsville, 53-42, in the consolation game after losing to defending PIAA champion Bishop Guilfoyle, 49-29, in the semifinals.

Unlike Monessen, Ferndale has only one senior on the team in 5-6 Ali Russell.

Ferndale's top players are the Eisenhuth sisters, Brittany and April, who are the only returning starters.

A 5-7 sophomore, Brittany Eisenhuth is coming off a 24-point, 12-rebound game. April Eisenhuth, a 5-8 junior, had 10 points and seven rebounds in the last game.

The Yellow Jackets will be coached for the sixth game by elementary principal Ed Moran.

Moran, who's 4-1 as the interim coach, was named when Mae Altman and assistant Sarah Priest resigned after Altman came under fire for allowing team members to watch an R-rated movie on the bus trip from a Penn State women's basketball game five weeks ago.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Samone Stepoli and the Lady Greyhounds will open PIAA play Saturday against Ferndale.

The Penguins' Jarko Ruutu, left, brawls with Boston's Milan Lucic during the third period of Thursday's game.

Associated Press

Pens lose game, Hossa

New acquisition may miss a week with a knee injury.

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Bruins are moving up in the Eastern Conference standings by beating the teams on top of them.

One game after shutting out the Ottawa Senators, Tim Thomas held Pittsburgh scoreless for 53 minutes, stopping 27 shots on Thursday night to lead the Bruins to a 5-1 victory over the Penguins and give Boston its fifth consecutive victory.

"We figured out we're a simple team. We're not pretty, and you could even call us ugly," defenseman Aaron Ward said. "But you have to have your niche in the league, and we do."

Boston's niche for most of the past decade has been to hover around the postseason bubble and exit the playoffs quickly. But with seven victories in eight games — going unbeaten on a five-game road trip — the Bruins have moved within six points of first place in the Eastern Conference and improved their chances of a strong playoff run.

"Our goal has always been to make the playoffs," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "We've had success with short-term goals."

Marco Sturm scored twice to reach 200 NHL goals, and Zdeno Chara, P.J. Axelsson and David Krejci also scored for Boston, which has back-to-back victories over two of the top three teams in the East. Thomas was working on his second consecutive shutout until Pascal Dupuis scored with 6:57 left.

Dupuis was playing in his first game with Pittsburgh since being acquired from Atlanta at the trade deadline. Also coming to the Penguins in that deal was five-time All-Star Marian Hossa, but he lasted just 13 shifts before banging knees with Glen Murray in the second period and leaving the game.

"It was an accidental hit, knee-on-knee," said Hossa, who could miss about a week. "This is disappointing. I was trying to get comfortable with my linemates. But injuries happen, and this is the tough luck of the business we're in."

The Penguins are also without captain Sidney Crosby, out since Jan. 18 with a sprained right ankle, and forward Gary Roberts,

(See PENGUINS, Page 2B)

Charleroi wrestlers ready for regionals

Grillo, Radomile and Campbell in action today.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

The Class AA Southwest Regionals start today in Johnstown with three Charleroi wrestlers — seniors Dave Grillo (189) ad Ethan Radomile (285) and sophomore Ray Campbell (215) — looking to advance to the PIAA tournament next weekend in Hershey.

According the Charleroi coach Gregg Doerfler, the trio are ready.

"We had a really good week of practice and want to get it going," he said. "The guys know what need to be done to make it to states."

To make it to the Giant Center for the PIAA championships next week, they will have to place in the top five of their respective weight classes.

Of the three, Doerfler said Grillo is the most relaxed because he has been to the Regionals before.

"David knows what is going on," Doerfler said. Ethan and Ray are here for the first time, but all three are mentally prepared.

"We just have to get on the mat."

Grillo (22-8) will take on Mt. Union senior Eric Hoffmaster (30-11), District 6's fifth seed.

The winner will face District 6's top seed Richland's Ryan Krouse (28-2) in the quarterfinals. Krouse is the top seed out of District 6.

Campbell (26-8) goes against Glendale's Cody Caracciolo (20-8), District 6's third seed. The winner gets unbeaten and District 5 favorite Chestnut Ridge's Josh McDannell (21-0) in the quarterfinals.

Radomile (28-9) opens with Mt. Union's Will Grove (24-12), District 2's No. 2 seed.

Doerfler is excited about the opportunity in front of all three of his wrestlers.

"I think all three can make it to states," he said. "I expect them to."

SPORTS

NFL stars cut loose

Isaac Bruce, Lorenzo Neal among big-name players released.

By The Associated Press

Isaac Bruce and Lorenzo Neal are on the move. Tedy Bruschi is staying put. So is Flozell Adams.

On the eve of free agency, the St. Louis Rams cut longtime star receiver Bruce, while the San Diego Chargers released All-Pro fullback Neal. Then Pro Bowl tackle Adams re-signed with Dallas and, on Thursday night, Bruschi agreed to a multiyear deal in New England.

Bruce, the last player remaining from the Rams' 1995 move from Los Angeles, was a second-round draft pick in 1994. The 35-year-old wideout is among the NFL career leaders with 942 receptions for 14,109 yards and 84 touchdowns. He was the Rams' second leading receiver last season with 55 catches for 733 yards and four TDs.

"It's a tough choice for the franchise," coach Scott Linehan said on the team's Web site. "It's like anything else. We make decisions as a franchise on the business side and that's the part that makes it the most difficult."

Linehan said the "possibility is always open" for Bruce to re-sign with the Rams, who also cut backup quarterback Gus Frerotte.

Neal, 37, was among three veterans released by the Chargers, who also parted with safety Marlon McCree and right tackle Shane Olivea. General manager A.J. Smith said all three requested their release so they can quickly jump into free agency.

Olivea had four years left on his contract while McCree and Neal each had three years remaining.

Neal has been with six NFL teams in 15 pro seasons and, for most of those years, blocked for a 1,000-yard rusher. He was instrumental in LaDainian Tomlinson's record-setting 2006 season.

A person within the league, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bruschi is expected to sign his deal Friday.

Bruschi, who suffered a stroke after the 2004 season and returned midway through the next schedule, started every game this past season. But it had been uncertain if the 34-year-old Bruschi would return after the Patriots lost 17-14 to the New York Giants in the Super Bowl.

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>
> St. Louis Rams coach Scott Linehan

Adams signed what the team called a long-term agreement that likely guarantees he will finish his career in Dallas.

"I'm just really happy to be here," Adams said on the team's Web site. Asked if he considered leaving Dallas, he added, "Nope. Not at all."

Adams joined the Cowboys as a second-round pick in 1998. He and linebacker Greg Ellis are the team's longest-tenured players.

Dallas also moved to keep three restricted free agents, putting tenders on Pro Bowl running back Marion Barber ($2.56 million, the highest possible), defensive end Chris Canty ($2.017 million), and guard Joe Berger ($927,000).

Running back Tyson Thompson, who lost his job as a kick returner late in the season, was not tendered, freeing him to sign wherever he wants.

Derek Anderson, the 24-year-old Cleveland quarterback who stepped in as a starter after the first game and led the Browns to a 10-6 record last season, was tendered a one-year offer for $2.5 million. But he didn't sign it, becoming a restricted free agent.

Browns general manager Phil Savage said if another team makes Anderson a better offer, Cleveland is unlikely to match it.

Cleveland also has made a $20 million, three-year offer with $10 million guaranteed to Anderson. But having traded away this year's first-round pick to take Brady Quinn in last year's draft, the Browns apparently feel Quinn remains their quarterback of the future.

If Anderson does move, Cleveland would get first- and third-round choices for him.

"If Derek wants to be a Brown and really wants to stay here in Cleveland and play with the players that are on our team, then he can do that rather easily," Savage said. "We can look in the mirror and know we put a strong offer out there.

"But he's earned the right to get to this point because of his play last year. We're in a good situation either way."

Another quarterback, Alex Smith got a vote of confidence from San Francisco. The 49ers exercised a multimillion-dollar buyback clause in the former No. 1 draft pick's contract that essentially extends his deal through 2010.

Smith, who floundered through injuries and a public argument with coach Mike Nolan last season, will compete with Shaun Hill for the starting job. But general manager Scot McCloughan showed the 49ers' feelings about him by overriding language in Smith's contract that could have allowed him to become a free agent after next season.

"It just shows that we believe in him to be our guy," McCloughan said. "He and Shaun are going to go out there and compete, and the winner of that is going to be a good quarterback for us."

Smith has started 30 games in his three seasons with San Francisco, passing for 4,679 yards, 19 touchdowns and 31 interceptions while getting sacked 81 times.

Those moves came as other teams maneuvered their rosters to get ready for the start of free agency at 12:01 a.m. Also released was defensive end Jevon Kearse by the Eagles.

Kearse was cut after four mostly disappointing and injury-plagued seasons with the Eagles, who signed him to a $66 million, eight-year deal in 2004 that at the time made him the highest-paid defensive end in NFL history.

He ended up benched last season and had only 3 1/2 sacks in 14 games after missing most of 2006 with a knee injury. In fact, his career high in sacks, 14 1/2, came in 1999, his rookie season with Tennessee, and his only other double-figure sacks years were his second and third. He had 22 in four seasons in Philadelphia.

In other moves:

■ Baltimore cut 33-year-old Mike Flynn, one of the last remaining cornerstones of its Super Bowl championship team of eight years ago. His release will save the Ravens $2 million against the league's $116 million salary cap.

■ Veteran linebacker Zach Thomas officially joined Dallas, with whom he signed a one-year $3.3 million deal last week after being released by Miami.

Associated Press

Derek Anderson became a restricted free agent after rejecting an offer from the Browns.

Steelers offer deals to 4 players

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Steelers have made one-year contract offers to four restricted free agents.

The team made offers to wide receiver Nate Washington and guard Chris Kemoeatu, reportedly for more than $1.4 million each, and offers to long snapper Greg Warren and offensive tackle Trai Essex, reportedly for just over $900,000 each.

With the offers, the Steelers reserve the right to retain the players by matching any offers from other teams during the free-agent signing period, which starts Friday.

Essex is entering his fourth NFL season. The third-round draft pick in 2005 played in three games in 2007.

Kemoeatu is also entering his fourth season. He was a sixth-round pick in the 2005 draft and played in 15 games last season.

Warren has handled all the long-snapping duties for the Steelers since he was signed as an undrafted rookie free agent in 2005. He has played in 48 regular-season games in his three seasons with Pittsburgh.

Washington ranked fourth on the team with 29 catches for 450 yards and five touchdowns last season. He was signed by the Steelers as an undrafted rookie free agent in 2005. He has 64 catches for 1,057 yards with nine touchdowns in three seasons.

Pirates left fielder Nyjer Morgan can't locate a fly ball hit by Philadelphia's Carlos Ruiz in the third inning of Thursday's spring training contest.

Associated Press

Howard homers, but Bucs grab spring win

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — Ryan Howard hit his first home run this spring, but Adam LaRoche's shot off Kyle Kendrick helped the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Philadelphia Phillies 11-6 Thursday.

Howard drove Brian Bullington's pitch over the right-field fence for a three-run homer in the third inning.

Philadelphia rookie left-handers Joe Savery and Josh Outman had forgettable outings, however. The duo yielded a combined nine earned runs in 2 2-3 innings.

"It was the first time that Savery and Outman have been out, and that's OK," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said about the non-roster invitees. "They have real good arms and they have real good stuff."

Savery, the Phillies' top pick in the amateur draft, squandered a 5-1 lead in the fourth when Josh Wilson hit a two-run single and Nate McLouth followed with a three-run homer.

"It's kind of taking the good with the bad. I know my stuff is good enough," the 22-year-old Savery said.

He allowed five runs and four hits while striking out two and walking one.

"It's just a matter of learning to locate it and not throwing spinners up there," Savery said.

The 23-year old Outman also struggled. In 1 2-3 innings, he allowed four runs and five hits while finishing with two strikeouts.

While the Phillies' young arms endured growing pains, Pittsburgh's spot starter responded in a pinch.

Phil Dumatrait, forced to start when Tom Gorzelanny was scratched with left shoulder tightness, threw two scoreless innings.

"He responded well," Pirates manager John Russell said.

South Fulton to challenge high-powered Bentworth

PIAA foes prefer contrasting styles.

Scoring points hasn't been a problem for the Bentworth High boys' basketball team this season.

With a 63-point average, the Bearcats were the WPIAL's fourth highest scoring Class A team behind eventual champion and Section 3 rival Serra, Union and Lincoln Park.

Bentworth's offense, however, will be tested today when the Bearcats (17-8) face District 5 champion Southern Fulton (20-7) at 6 p.m. in a PIAA first round contest at Chestnut Ridge High in New Paris.

Defense has been the strong point for the Indians, who are riding a 10-game winning streak in which they've allowed an average of 35 points.

Southern Fulton won its fourth District 5 title in six years with a 42-29 victory over Shade, which was scoring 69 points a game.

Against the Indians, Shade shot 28 percent and didn't hit double figures in any quarter.

Southern Fulton knocked of top seed Chestnut Ridge, 36-30, in overtime in the District 6 semifinals.

Senior Jake McCarthy is Southern Fulton's leading scorer with a 12-point average.

Bentworth, which hasn't played since losing to Wilkinsburg 10 days ago in the WPIAL semifinals, is led by the Kennedy twins, Jon and Joe.

Jon, a 1,000 point scorer, leads with a 21 point average, eight more than his brother. Both are seniors.

Penguins (FROM PAGE ONE)

who hasn't played since breaking his leg Dec. 29.

Penguins starter Ty Conklin, who had a career-high 50 saves on Tuesday to beat the Islanders, was pulled after giving up three goals in 13 shots in the game's first 22:21. In came Marc-Andre Fleury, who hadn't played for Pittsburgh since Dec. 6; he stopped 16 of 18 shots he faced as the Penguins lost for the first time in seven games.

Sturm beat Conklin 9:49 into the game when he redirected Chuck Kobasew's shot through the goalie's pads.

Then Sturm scored again 2:18 later with a slapper from the left circle.

Zdeno Chara made it 3-0 with a slap shot from the point off Pittsburgh's Petr Sykora's leg at 2:21 of the second period. It was the Bruins captain's eighth goal in 10 games.

NOTES: Pittsburgh blew a chance to take over the top seed in the Eastern Conference. ... Milan Lucic and Jarkko Ruutu had a lengthy fight late in the third period, electrifying the crowd.

SPORTS DIGEST

Jackson stars in Robert Morris win

Monessen's A.J. Jackson scored 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Robert Morris to an 82-69 win over Sacred Heart Thursday.

With their 12th straight win, the Colonials (24-6, 15-2 Northeast Conference) clinched their first conference regular-season title since 1992.

Jeremy Chappell added 19 points and Tony Lee had 12 points and 10 boards for the Colonials.

Chauncey Hardy led Sacred Heart (16-12, 13-4) with 17 points, while Corey Hassan finished with 13 and Ryan Litke 11.

The Colonials dominated inside, outrebounding the Pioneers 42-29 and scoring 16 points off second-chance baskets.

Robert Morris led by as many as 17 points in the second half, but the Pioneers chipped away with a 10-2 run. Hardy converted on a 3-pointer to pull Sacred Heart within 71-66 at the 2:51 mark, but Colonials were able to hang on.

Wrestling show at Charleroi

The Championship Wrestling Federation is doing a fund raise for the CCBC Basketball League Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Charleroi High gym.

Headlining the card will be Powerhouse Hughes against Scott Fowler, undefeated CWF heavyweight champion Beast against Amir al Jahari, Charleroi graduate J-Ru against the Specialist and the first annual 25-man 'Roi Rumble.

Ticket prices are $12 for adults and $8 for youngsters (12 and under).

FBI taking up Clemens case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI took up the Roger Clemens case, told by the Justice Department to investigate whether the star pitcher lied when he testified to Congress he never took performance-enhancing drugs.

The FBI's involvement was announced one day after the leaders of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee told Attorney General Michael Mukasey they weren't sure whether Clemens told the truth under oath at a Feb. 5 deposition and Feb. 13 public hearing.

A probe could result in charges against the seven-time Cy Young Award winner for perjury, making false statements or obstruction of justice. Congress did not ask for a similar investigation of Brian McNamee, the former personal trainer who testified under oath that he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone.

Donald ahead in Honda Classic

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — A bogey-free 64 gave Luke Donald a one-shot lead over Brian Davis and a two-shot edge on Matt Jones after the first round of The Honda Classic.

Matt Jones (66) was alone in third, two shots off the pace, with a slew of others — including Ernie Els, the world's No. 4 player — three shots back.

Trivia answer

Brent Kincaid against Slippery Rock in 1995.

SPORTS

College basketball

MEN
EAST
Boston U. 97, Hartford 66
Long Island U. 83, St. Francis, NY 68
Loyola, Md. 88, Canisius 77
Monmouth, N.J. 73, St. Francis, Pa. 64
New Hampshire 68, Vermont 65
Quinnipiac 76, Cent. Connecticut St. 73, OT
Robert Morris 82, Sacred Heart 69
Saint Louis 64, Saint Joseph's 55
UMBC 85, Maine 68
Wagner 78, Fairfeigh Dickinson 67
SOUTH
Austin Peay 65, E. Kentucky 59
Belmont 75, Campbell 64
Coll. of Charleston 91, Georgia Southern 86
Furman 73, The Citadel 63
Jacksonville 89, Florida Gulf Coast 80
Lipscomb 83, Gardner-Webb 71
Louisiana-Lafayette 63, North Texas 58
Louisville 90, Notre Dame 85
Maryland 74, Wake Forest 70
Morehead St. 84, Tennessee St. 76
Nicholls St. 82, Northwestern St. 60
South Alabama 81, New Orleans 61
Stetson 73, North Florida 56
Tennessee Tech 71, Murray St. 66
Texas-Pan American 78, Savannah St. 68
UNC Greensboro 87, Chattanooga 64
W. Carolina 62, Wofford 57
MIDWEST
Butler 66, Wright St. 61
E. Illinois 80, Jacksonville St. 64
N. Dakota St. 91, Centenary 73
Oral Roberts 67, S. Dakota St. 52
Samford 68, SE Missouri 62
UMKC 75, IPFW 57
Valparaiso 59, Detroit 56
Wis.-Green Bay 76, Ill.-Chicago 73
Wis.-Milwaukee 68, Loyola of Chicago 53
Wisconsin 57, Michigan St. 42
SOUTHWEST
Ark.-Little Rock 66, Denver 55
Arkansas St. 75, Louisiana-Monroe 64
Cent. Arkansas 63, SE Louisiana 60
FAR WEST
Boise St. 74, San Jose St. 68
CS Northridge 82, Cal St.-Fullerton 74
Cal Poly 70, UC Riverside 63, OT
Idaho 85, Hawaii 77, OT
Idaho St. 52, Sacramento St. 51
Montana 81, N. Colorado 66
N. Arizona 74, Weber St. 71
Nevada 98, New Mexico St. 85
Pacific 95, UC Davis 50
Portland St. 96, Montana St. 68
S. Utah 68, Oakland, Mich. 59
Southern Cal 70, Arizona 58
Stanford 82, Washington 79
UC Irvine 64, Long Beach St. 57
UCLA 70, Arizona St. 49
Utah St. 86, Louisiana Tech 59
Washington St. 70, California 49
WOMEN
EAST
Drexel 68, Towson 63
Georgia St. 58, Delaware 46
Ohio St. 87, Penn St. 84
Virginia 67, Boston College 57
SOUTH
Campbell 66, Belmont 62
Cent. Arkansas 67, SE Louisiana 52
Chattanooga 72, W. Carolina 66
Coll. of Charleston 72, Appalachian St. 63
Davidson 66, Georgia Southern 53
E. Kentucky 62, Austin Peay 55
Elon 66, Furman 44
Florida Gulf Coast 75, Jacksonville 59
Florida St. 50, Miami 49
Georgia 55, South Carolina 41
LSU 83, Arkansas 46
Lipscomb 72, Gardner-Webb 60
Louisiana Tech 62, Utah St. 47
McNeese St. 52, Texas-San Antonio 49
Memphis 64, Southern Miss. 60
Morehead St. 67, Tennessee St. 64
Murray St. 80, Tennessee Tech 70
N.C. State 89, Clemson 57
Northeastern 64, UNC Wilmington 58
Northwestern St. 74, Nicholls St. 69
Old Dominion 82, George Mason 44
Stetson 60, North Florida 45
Tennessee 88, Florida 61
Tulane 80, Tulsa 60
UAB 68, UCF 63
UNC-Greensboro 66, Wofford 63
Va. Commonwealth 62, James Madison 56
Vanderbilt 73, Auburn 56
William & Mary 70, Hofstra 50
MIDWEST
Bradley 77, S. Illinois 72
Butler 61, Youngstown St. 60
Detroit 55, Ill.-Chicago 51
E. Illinois 71, Jacksonville St. 68
Evansville 57, N. Iowa 55
Iowa 68, Northwestern 42
Michigan St. 54, Illinois 46
Minnesota 69, Indiana 54
Samford 73, SE Missouri 50
Valparaiso 66, Cleveland St. 52
Wisconsin 69, Michigan 67
Wright St. 64, Loyola of Chicago 57
SOUTHWEST
Ark.-Little Rock 52, Denver 45
Arkansas St. 68, Louisiana-Monroe 53
Houston 72, East Carolina 69
Rice 68, Marshall 64
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 69, Lamar 67 OT
Texas St. 70, Stephen F.Austin 67
Texas-Arlington 94, Sam Houston St. 61
UTEP 76, SMU 63
FAR WEST
Arizona 64, Southern Cal 62
Arizona St. 73, UCLA 67
Boise St. 74, San Jose St. 65
Cal St.-Fullerton 55, CS Northridge 45
Gonzaga 80, Santa Clara 71
Hawaii 67, Idaho 54
Idaho St. 95, Sacramento St. 78
Long Beach St. 59, UC Irvine 53
Loyola Marymount 65, San Francisco 41
Montana 66, N. Colorado 55
N. Arizona 70, Weber St. 68, OT
New Mexico St. 70, Nevada 49
Pepperdine 65, San Diego 51
Saint Mary's, Calif. 64, Portland 58

Big East standings

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Georgetown	13	3	23	4
Louisville	13	3	23	6
Notre Dame	11	4	21	6
Connecticut	11	4	22	6
Marquette	11	5	21	6
West Virginia	9	6	20	8
Pittsburgh	8	7	20	8
Cincinnati	8	7	13	14
Villanova	7	8	17	10
Seton Hall	7	8	17	11
Syracuse	7	8	17	11
DePaul	5	10	10	17
Providence	4	11	13	14
St. John's	4	11	10	17
South Florida	2	13	11	17
Rutgers	2	14	10	19

Thursday's Games
Louisville 90, Notre Dame 85
Today's Games
No games scheduled

Tyson Chandler and the New Orleans Hornets will host Utah at 8 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today
Television
1 p.m. - ESPN - Los Angeles at Atlanta, baseball.
4 p.m. - Golf Channel - Honda Classic, golf.
8 p.m. - ESPN - Utah at New Orleans, pro basketball.
9 p.m - ESPN2 - Michael Walker vs Antwun Echols, boxing.
10:30 p.m. - ESPN - Los Angeles Clippers at Denver, pro basketball.
Radio
6 p.m. - WJPA (95.3 FM) - Bentworth vs Southern Fulton, high school basketball.
6 p.m . - WJPA (1450) - Washington vs Bishop McCort, girls high school basketball.

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	37	21	6	80	171	150
Pittsburgh	36	22	7	79	191	178
N.Y. Rangers	33	24	8	74	170	160
Philadelphia	32	25	7	71	195	183
N.Y. Islanders	31	27	7	69	163	188

Northeast Division	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	36	23	6	78	211	195
Montreal	34	21	9	77	201	181
Boston	34	23	6	74	174	168
Buffalo	31	24	9	71	196	182
Toronto	28	28	9	65	181	203

Southeast Division	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	33	29	5	71	198	212
Washington	29	27	8	66	181	197
Florida	28	30	8	64	178	193
Atlanta	29	31	5	63	174	213
Tampa Bay	25	31	7	57	179	206

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	42	17	6	90	203	145
Nashville	32	25	8	72	190	189
Columbus	29	27	9	67	156	170
Chicago	30	28	6	66	183	187
St. Louis	28	26	10	66	161	178

Northwest Division	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	35	24	5	75	174	174
Calgary	33	22	9	75	182	181
Vancouver	32	22	9	73	169	160
Colorado	33	26	6	72	178	178
Edmonton	30	30	5	65	178	197

Pacific Division	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	41	22	5	87	206	168
Anaheim	36	23	7	79	167	163
San Jose	34	21	8	76	165	153
Phoenix	33	27	5	71	175	173
Los Angeles	26	35	4	56	190	217

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 4, Carolina 2
Boston 5, Pittsburgh 1
Philadelphia 3, Ottawa 1
N.Y. Islanders 5, Atlanta 4, OT
Phoenix 2, St. Louis 1
Dallas 7, Chicago 4
Edmonton 5, Los Angeles 4
Today's Games
Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Penguins summary

Pittsburgh	0	0	1	— 1
Boston	2	2	1	— 5

First Period—1, Boston, Sturm 21 (Kobasew, Metropolit), 9:49. 2, Boston, Sturm 22 (Metropolit, Ward), 12:07. Penalties—Laraque, Pit (hooking), 13:13; Savard, Bos (slashing), 16:57.

Second Period—3, Boston, Chara 15 (Wideman, Savard), 2:21. 4, Boston, Axelsson 12 (Thornton, Savard), 16:01. Penalties—Chara, Bos (hooking), 10:12; Whitney, Pit (hooking), 12:30.

Third Period—5, Pittsburgh, Dupuis 11 (Taffe, Kennedy), 13:03. 6, Boston, Krejci 2 (Stuart, Kobasew), 17:49 (pp). Penalties—Malkin, Pit (hooking), 5:17; Talbot, Pit (boarding), 10:36; Chara, Bos (roughing), 10:36; Wideman, Bos (roughing), 10:36; Malone, Pit (roughing), 15:13; Ward, Bos (roughing), 15:13; Ruutu, Pit, minor-major (roughing, fighting), 17:32; Lucic, Bos, major (fighting), 17:32; Malkin, Pit (tripping), 18:26.

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 10-9-9—28. Boston 12-8-11—31.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 3; Boston 1 of 5.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Conklin 17-5-5 (13 shots-10 saves), Fleury (2:21 second, 18-16). Boston, Thomas 22-14-4 (28-27).

A—17,565 (17,565). T—2:25.

Referees—Stephane Auger, Brad Meier. Linesmen—Steve Barton, Tony Sericolo.

PIAA basketball playoffs

Boys
Western Region
Saturday
Class AAAA
At Garden Spot High
2:30 p.m. - Reading (30-0) vs. Souderton (17-12)
At Germantown High
2:30 p.m. - South Philadelphia (21-6) vs. Downingtown West (23-6)
At Council Rock High
4:30 p.m. -Norristown (28-1) vs. John Bartrum (21-6)
At Tyrone Middle School
2:30 p.m. - State College (18-8) vs. Mechanicsburg (20-10)
At Plum High
3 p.m. - Central Catholic (23-4) vs. Franklin Regional (20-7)
At Edinboro University
6:30 p.m. - Erie McDowell (25-2) vs. Norwin (20-7)
At North Allegheny
3 p.m. - Moon (20-7) vs. Canon-McMillan (18-8)
At Taylor Allderdice
3 p.m. - Schenley (25-2) vs. McKeesport (19-4)
Today
Class AAA
At Shikellamy High
7 p.m - Selinsgrove (18-9) vs. Hershey (16-11)
At Hersheypark Arena
6:30 p.m. -Steelton-Highspire (23-6) vs. Johnstown (12-14)
At Pitt-Bradford
7 p.m. - Bradford (18-7) vs. Chartiers Valley (24-3)
At North Allegheny
7:30 p.m. - Hopewell (21-6) vs. Franklin (19-7)
At New Castle High
7:30 p.m. - Blackhawk (23-5) vs. Meadville (18-10)
At Taylor Allderdice
7:30 p.m. - Perry (14-12) vs. Greensburg-Salem (21-6)
At Johnstown High
7:30 p.m. - Central Cambria (23-3) vs. Ambridge (10-16)
At Edinboro University
7:30 p.m. - General McLane (24-3) vs. Keystone Oaks (16-11)
Saturday
Class AA
At Hempfield
5 p.m. - Jeannette (20-4) vs. Kane (18-9).
At Edinboro University
8 p.m. - Girard (22-5) vs. Greensburg Central Catholic (18-9)
At Chestnut Ridge High
6 p.m - Tussey Mountain (23-3) vs. North Catholic (23-4)
At Central Cambria High
7 p.m. - Bishop McCort (20-5) vs. Monessen (19-6)
At Clarion Univesity
5:30 p.m. - Cranberry (17-10) vs. South Fayette (20-6)
At New Castle High
3 p.m. -Beaver Falls (22-4) vs. Farrell (23-4)
At North Hills
5:30 p.m. - Canevin (15-13) vs. Tyrone (22-5)
At Penn State Behrend
7 p.m. - North East (26-0) vs. Riverside (25-2)
Today
Class A
At Fox Chapel High
7:30 p.m. - Serra Catholic (25-2) vs. Elk County Catholic (22-6)
7:30 p.m. - Bishop Guilfoyle (19-8) vs. St. Joseph (14-11)
At Chestnut Ridge High
6 p.m. - Southern Fulton (20-7) vs. Bentworth (17-8)
At Clarion University
7:30 p.m. - DuBois Central Catholic (26-3) vs. Iroquois (15-12)
At St. Mary's High
7 p.m. - Coudersport (27-0) vs. Homer-Center (21-7)
At North Hills High
7:30 p.m. - Union (16-7) vs. Shade (25-3)
At Charleroi
7:30 p.m. -Wilkinsburg (15-11) vs. Harmony (22-5)
At Farrell High
7 p.m. - Kennedy Catholic (17-9) vs. Rocky Grove (26-2)

Girls
Western Region
Today
First Round
Class AAAA
At North Allegheny
6 p.m. -Upper St. Clair (22-5) vs. Butler (24-3)
At Fairview High
6 p.m - Erie McDowell (18-9) vs. Mt. Lebanon (24-3)
At North Hills
6 p.m. -Peters Township (20-8) vs. New Castle (19-6).
At Taylor Allderdice
6 p.m. - Schenley (22-4) vs. Oakland Catholic (16-11)
Class AAA
Saturday
At Shikellamy High
5:30 p.m. - Selinsgrove (26-1) vs. Muhlenburg (21-8).
At New Oxford High
3:30 p.m. - Gettysburg (20-8) vs. Lewistown (21-5)
At Clarion University
7 p.m. - St. Marys (22-3) vs. Indiana (23-4)
At New Castle High
7 p.m. - West Mifflin (24-4) vs. Meadville (20-7), New Castle Area HS, 4:30 p.m.
At North Allegheny
4:30 p.m. - Hampton (26-2) vs. Mercyhurst Prep (26-2)
At Taylor Allderdice
5 p.m. - Westinghouse (22-4) vs. Chartiers Valley (20-7)
At Tyrone Middle School
5 p.m. -Bellefonte (20-6) vs. Ambridge (16-9)
At Allegheny College
7:30 p.m. - General McLane (22-5) vs. Perry (16-10)
Class AA
Today
At Fox Chapel High
6 p.m. - South Park (21-8) vs. Cranberry (17-9),
At Fairview High
7:30 p.m. - Girard (23-4) vs. Sto-Rox (16-8)
At Chestnut Ridge
8 p.m. - Conemaugh Township (23-3) vs. Ford City (20-7)
At Central Cambria
8 p.m. -Northern Cambria (25-1) vs. Beaver (16-7)
At Clarion University
6 p.m - Karns City (16-10) vs. Greensburg Central Catholic (17-8)
At New Castle High
6 p.m. - Sacred Heart (25-2) vs. Cambridge Springs (23-4)
At Charleroi
6 p.m. - Washington (24-2) vs. Bishop McCort (26-2)
At Edinboro University
6 p.m. -Villa Maria Academy (23-4) vs. Riverside-Everett winner.
Class A
Saturday
At Hempfield
3 p.m. - Mt. Alvernia (17-8) vs. Austin
At Central Cambria
5:30 p.m. -Saltsburg (20-6) vs. Serra Catholic (16-6)
At Chestnut Ridge High
4 p.m. - Berlin Brothersvalley (21-7) vs. Vincentian Academy (17-9)
At Clarion University
4 p.m. - West Forest (22-6) vs. Eisenhower (19-6)
At St. Marys High
4 p.m. - Coudersport (26-2) vs. Blairsville (12-14)
At Plum High
4:30 p.m. - Avonworth (14-10) vs. Shanksville-Stonycreek (19-8)
At North Hills High
4 p.m. - Monessen (26-1) vs. Ferndale (22-5)
At Allegheny College
6 p.m. - Farrell (23-2) vs. Clarion (18-10)

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	44	12	.786	—
Toronto	32	24	.571	12
New Jersey	26	32	.448	19
Philadelphia	26	32	.448	19
New York	18	39	.316	26 1/2

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	37	23	.617	—
Washington	27	30	.474	8 1/2
Atlanta	23	32	.418	11 1/2
Charlotte	19	38	.333	16 1/2
Miami	10	45	.182	24 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	42	16	.724	—
Cleveland	32	26	.552	10
Chicago	23	34	.404	18 1/2
Indiana	22	36	.379	20
Milwaukee	22	36	.379	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	39	17	.696	—
New Orleans	38	18	.679	1
Dallas	38	20	.655	2
Houston	37	20	.649	2 1/2
Memphis	14	43	.246	25 1/2

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	37	21	.638	—
Denver	34	23	.596	2 1/2
Portland	30	28	.517	7
Seattle	15	42	.263	21 1/2
Minnesota	12	44	.214	24

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	41	17	.707	—
Phoenix	39	19	.672	2
Golden State	34	22	.607	6
Sacramento	26	31	.456	14 1/2
L.A. Clippers	19	36	.345	20 1/2

Thursday's Games
New Jersey 120, Milwaukee 106
San Antonio 97, Dallas 94
L.A. Lakers 106, Miami 88
Today's Games
Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sports moves

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Tendered one-year contract offers to DE Antonio Smith, CB Eric Green, OL Elton Brown, CB Michael Adams, TE Troy Bienemann and WR Jamaica Rector.
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Released C Mike Flynn.
BUFFALO BILLS—Terminated the contract of CB Kiwaukee Thomas.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with CB Dante Wesley on a two-year contract.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Tenderer a one-year contract offer to QB Derek Anderson.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed LB Zach Thomas to a one-year contract. Released FB Oliver Hoyte.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed WR David Kircus.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Released DE Jevon Kearse.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Tendered one-year contracts to WR Nate Washington, G Chris Kemoeatu, LS Greg Warren and WR Nate Washington.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Released WR Isaac Bruce and QB Gus Frerotte.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Released FB Lorenzo Neal, S Marlon McCree and OT Shane Olivea.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed QB Alex Smith to a contract extension, through 2010.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Released WR David Givens. Tendered one-year contract offers to K Rob Bironas, TE Bo Scaife and T David Stewart, S Vincent Fuller, CB Reynaldo Hill, FB Casey Cramer and OL Daniel Loper.
BASEBALL
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Manny Corpas on a four-year contract.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Chad Billingley, OF Andre Ethier, C Russell Martin, 1B James Loney, LHP Hong-Chih Kuo and 3B Andy LaRoche on one-year contracts.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Named Bonnie Clark vice president of communications.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled F Eric Nystrom from Quad City (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Traded RW Steve Goertzen to Phoenix for F Nate DiCasmirro.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Activated D Niklas Kronwall from injured reserve. Assigned D Kyle Quincey to Grand Rapids (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Activated D Rob Blake from injured reserve.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Recalled F Devin Setoguchi from Worcester (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned LW Chris Bourque to Hershey (AHL).

PSAC standings

Men
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	11	0	22	4
Edinboro	10	1	21	5
Clarion	6	5	15	11
Indiana	4	7	12	14
Slippery Rock	4	7	7	19
Lock Haven	2	9	2	23
Shippensburg	2	10	8	19

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Cheyney	10	2	18	8
Kutztown	9	2	18	8
Millersville	7	4	18	8
East Stroudsburg	6	5	18	8
Mansfield	4	7	16	10
West Chester	3	8	12	14
Bloomsburg	0	11	8	18

Saturday
California at Edinboro, 3 p.m.
Clarion at Slippery Rock
Lock Haven at Indiana
Bloomsburg at Mansfield
East Stroudsburg at Kutztown
Millersville at West Chester

Women
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	8	3	23	4
California	8	3	21	5
Clarion	7	4	17	8
Shippensburg	7	5	19	8
Edinboro	6	5	17	9
Lock Haven	2	9	7	18
Slippery Rock	1	10	7	19

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	11	0	22	4
West Chester	9	2	18	8
Cheyney	7	5	11	15
East Stroudsburg	5	6	11	14
Kutztown	4	7	11	15
Bloomsburg	2	9	7	19
Mansfield	1	10	6	20

Saturday
California at Edinboro, 1 p.m.
Clarion at Slippery Rock
Lock Haven at Indiana
Bloomsburg at Mansfield
East Stroudsburg at Kutztown
Millersville at West Chester

Latest Line

BEST BET: Denver is a solid 10-2 straight-up and 9-3 vs. the spread its last 12 home games. The Nuggets are also averaging 111.1 points per game their last 10 home games. The Clippers have struggled this season and are averaging just 92 points per game their last seven contests. This one could get ugly. Take Denver -13 for another Best Bet winner.

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
TORONTO	10	Indiana
BOSTON	15	Charlotte
ATLANTA	6 1/2	New York
a-CLEVELAND	No Line	Minnesota
CHICAGO	5	Washington
NEW ORLEANS	3 1/2	Utah
HOUSTON	13	Memphis
DALLAS	9 1/2	Sacramento
LA Lakers	8	PORTLAND
DENVER	13	LA Clippers
SEATTLE	1	Miami
GOLDEN ST	6	Philadelphia

a-Cleveland guard L. James is questionable.

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
BROWN	13 1/2	Princeton
CORNELL	18	Dartmouth
COLUMBIA	8 1/2	Harvard
YALE	7	Pennsylvania
SIENA	6	Niagara
RIDER	14	St. Peter's
FAIRFIELD	6 1/2	Manhattan
MARIST	7 1/2	Iona

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
NEW JERSEY	1/2-1	Washington
DETROIT	Even-1/2	San Jose
BUFFALO	Even-1/2	Montreal
Minnesota	Even-1/2	FLORIDA
TAMPA BAY	Even-1/2	Toronto
ANAHEIM	1/2-1	Calgary
VANCOUVER	1/2-1	Columbus

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Pirates boxscore

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi	PHILADELPHIA	ab	r	h	bi
McLouth cf	4	1	1	3	Rollins ss	2	0	1	1
McCutchen cf	1	1	1	1	Donald ss	2	1	1	0
Morgan lf	4	0	1	0	Taguchi cf	2	1	0	0
Thompson lf	2	0	0	1	Bruntlett cf	2	0	1	1
Nady rf	2	0	0	0	Utley 2b	3	1	2	1
Mientwicz rf	3	0	0	0	Olmedo 2b	2	0	0	0
Doumit dh	2	1	1	0	Howard 1b	3	1	1	3
Walker ph-dh	1	0	0	0	Tracy 1b	0	0	0	0
LaRoche 1b	2	2	2	1	Feliz 3b	3	0	2	0
Pearce ph-1b	2	1	1	0	Cervenk 3b	1	0	0	0
Paulino c	3	0	0	0	Jenkins rf	3	0	0	0
MHerndz c	2	0	1	1	Pascucci rf	1	0	0	0
Gomez 3b	1	2	1	0	Werth lf	2	0	0	0
Velandia 3b	2	0	0	0	Watson lf	1	0	0	0
Bixler ss	3	0	0	0	Dobbs dh	2	1	1	0
Cruz ss	2	1	2	0	Snelling dh	2	0	0	0
Wilson 2b	3	1	2	3	Ruiz c	2	1	1	0
Rivas 2b	1	1	1	0	Jaramillo c	1	0	0	0
Totals	40	11	14	10	Totals	34	6	10	6

Pittsburgh	010	501	130	— 11
Philadelphia	005	000	001	— 6

E—Gomez, Donald. DP—Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2. LOB—Pittsburgh 10, Philadelphia 6. 2B—Wilson, Rivas, Cruz, Ruiz, Utley 2, Feliz, Donald. 3B—Pearce, Bruntlett. HR—LaRoche, McLouth, Howard. SB—Gomez, Rollins.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Dumatrait	2	1	0	0	1	2
Bullington, W	1	5	5	4	2	0
Belisario	1	1	0	0	0	1
Capps	1	1	0	0	0	0
Grabow	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wright	1	0	0	0	1	0
JPerez	1	0	0	0	1	1
RSanchez	1	2	1	1	0	0
Philadelphia						
Kendrick	3	3	1	1	0	1
Savery, L	1	4	5	5	1	2
Rosario	2	1	1	1	2	3
Outman	1 2-3	5	4	4	0	2
Holdzkom	1 1-3	1	0	0	3	1

HBP—by Kendrick (Nady) by Holdzkom (Pearce). WP—Holdzkom.
T—2:53. A—4,052.

Spring training

Thursday's Games
Washington 15, Georgetown U. 0
Boston (ss) 24, Boston College 0, 7 innings
Boston (ss) 15, Northeastern U. 0, 7 innings
Seattle 10, San Diego 3 (charity game)
Detroit 4, Toronto 1
St. Louis 7, N.Y. Mets 0
L.A. Dodgers 5, Atlanta 4
Florida 16, Baltimore 3
Cleveland 12, Houston 2
Cincinnati 6, Minnesota (ss) 1
Pittsburgh 11, Philadelphia 6
Milwaukee 7, Oakland 1
Colorado (ss) 5, Arizona 5, tie
Chicago Cubs 12, San Francisco 6
Chicago White Sox 12, Colorado (ss) 3
Texas 3, L.A. Angels 3, tie

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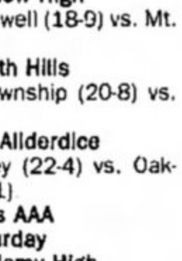

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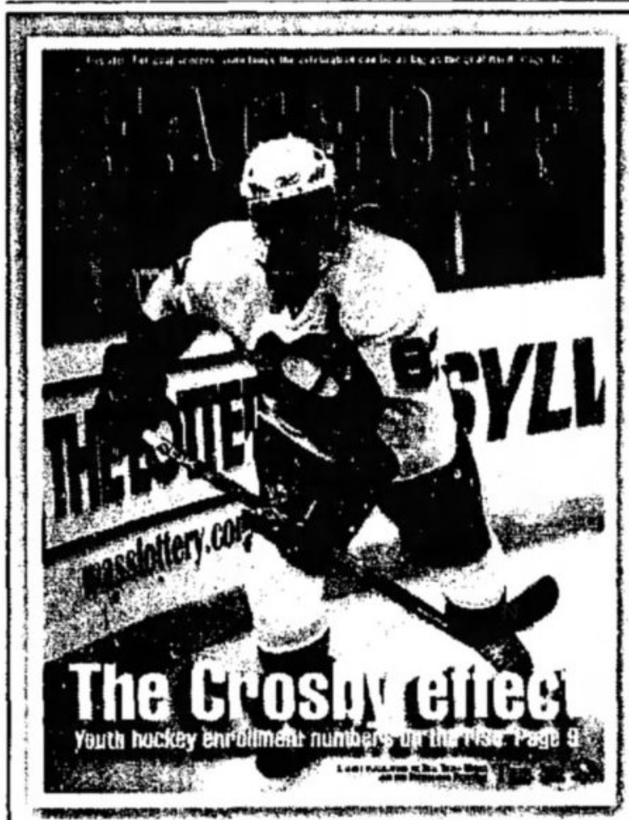

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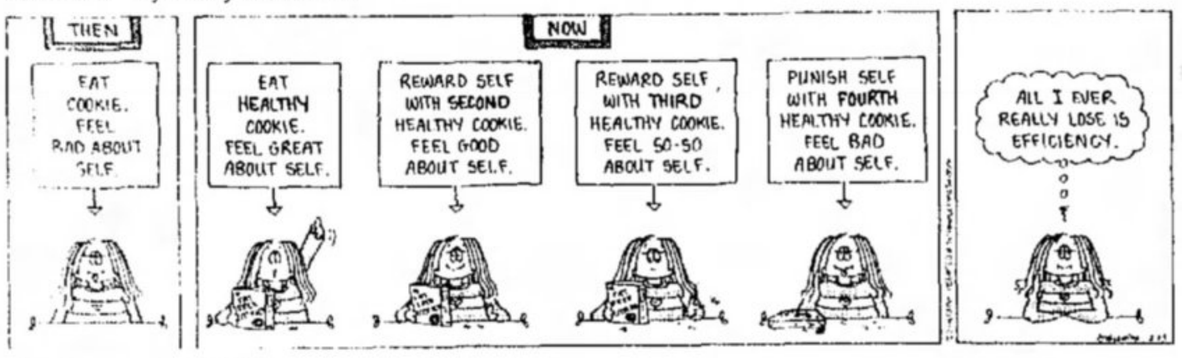
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THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN WHY YOU CAN'T PICK IT UP IN ONE PIECE...

HI & LOIS® by Mort Walker and Dick Browne

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TODAY IS A RARE DAY—IT'S FEBRUARY TWENTY-NINTH...
THERE IS AN EXTRA DAY IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR BECAUSE IT'S A LEAP YEAR.
DOES THAT MEAN THAT IN THE CHINESE CALENDAR, THIS IS THE YEAR OF THE FROG?
TODAY IS FEB. 29
Art/Chip 2/29

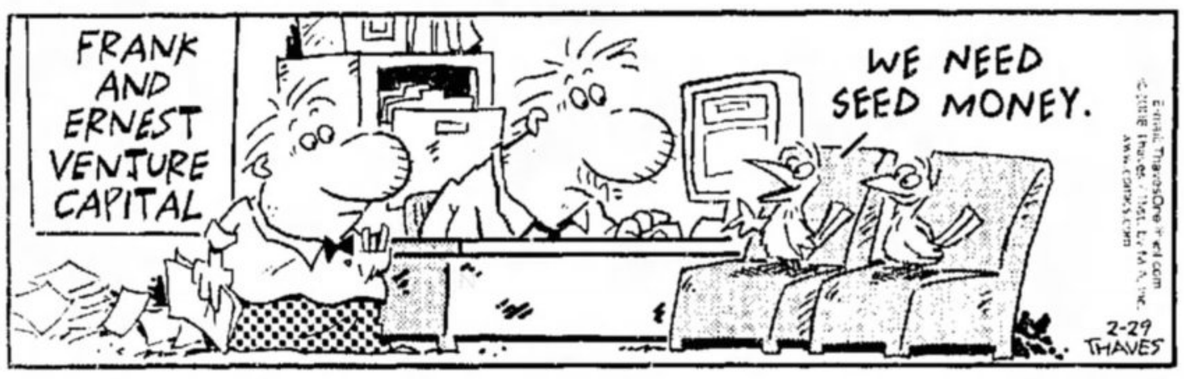
GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr

Y'KNOW, JUST LEANING AGAINST THIS OLD LOG YEAR AFTER YEAR COULD KILL OUR ENTHUSIASM FOR EVER DOING ANYTHING WORTH-WHILE
I KNOW
BUT, THERE MUST BE A DOWNSIDE TO IT SOMEWHERE
NO, NO... I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S FOOLPROOF!

COW AND BOY® by Mark Leiknes

GIMME YER LUNCH MONEY, KID.
RINGA RINGA PAKIAH! WEEAH WEEAH TAKIAH!
WHIP
BLAH BLAH
I KNEW LEARNING HAKA, THE NEW ZEALAND TRIBAL DANCE OF INTIMIDATION, WOULD COME IN HANDY.
YOU INTIMIDATED HIM INTO FEELING SORRY FOR YOU.
BUT THE RESULT IS THE SAME.

FRANK and ERNEST® by Bob Thaves



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"You ordered a small Pisa."

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
EXAMINING PEOPLE'S BODY LANGUAGE
IT'S AMAZING WHAT YOU CAN TELL ABOUT A PERSON JUST BY WATCHING THEIR BODY!
YOU'RE STARING AT MY CHEST.
SHE, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS A NASTY TEMPER
AND SHE'S LEFT-HANDED

ALLEY OOP by Dave Graue

THAT DOESN'T MATTER RIGHT NOW, ARLO! CAN YOU SHOW ME WHERE YOU FOUND IT?
SURE! IT WAS LYIN' RIGHT OVER HERE... JUST UNDER THESE BUSHES!
HMMmm... THAT'S STRANGE! I NEVER EVEN WALKED BY THIS WAY WHEN I WAS CARRYIN' THAT THING! HOW COULD IT HAVE DROPPED THERE?

MARK TRAIL by Jack Elrod

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MRS. MALONE?
I'M SURE GLAD TO SEE YOU, STEVE!
YOU CAN THANK ANDY... WE LEFT AS SOON AS WE READ YOUR NOTE!
HOW'S BULL'S WIDOW AND HER BROTHER BRICE MIXED UP IN THIS?
M-M-M... I DIDN'T KNOW BRICE WAS HER BROTHER!
YES, THOSE STUPID POLICE COULD HAVE KILLED ME!
GOOD, BOY, ANDY... YOU'RE A LIFESAVER!
JACK ELROD

The Valley Independent Crossword

ACROSS

1 Crayola choice
4 Drain, as energy
7 Spring
10 Wrath
11 Petition
13 A beret covers it
14 Crusty dessert
15 Ship's position
16 Big laugh (hyph.)
17 Volcano mouths
19 Constantly
20 Cave, perhaps
21 Bid
23 Fateful date
26 Warehouse
28 Small, in Dogpatch
29 Vitality
30 Seize the throne
34 Tube trophies
36 Hoop site
38 Dead heat
39 Find seats
41 Bring up
42 Hollow
44 1002, for Caesar
46 Faux pas
47 Wall Street concern
51 Lois of "Lois & Clark"
52 Drug buster
53 Cartoon caveman
55 Poker stake
56 Part of WATS
57 Street in Paris
58 Derisive snort
59 Newspaper execs
60 Joule fraction

DOWN

1 Snag
2 Mr. Sevareid
3 Whitetail
4 Flash flood
5 Chilean novelist
6 Squint at
7 Breathe hard
8 Different
9 Late summer fruit
12 Early moralist
13 Burglaries
18 Web site clutter
22 Bridge quorum
23 Henri's island
24 Shadowy
25 Shade tree
27 Fencer's weapon
29 Hey, you!
31 Pass near Pikes Peak
32 Narrow inlet
33 — annum
35 BMW driver, maybe
37 Like a knight
40 "Laughing" animal
41 Carioca's home
42 Helen, in Spain
43 Merriment
45 Cuzco builders
46 Wild guess
48 Be concerned
49 Additional quantity
50 — place or mine?
54 Identify, slangily

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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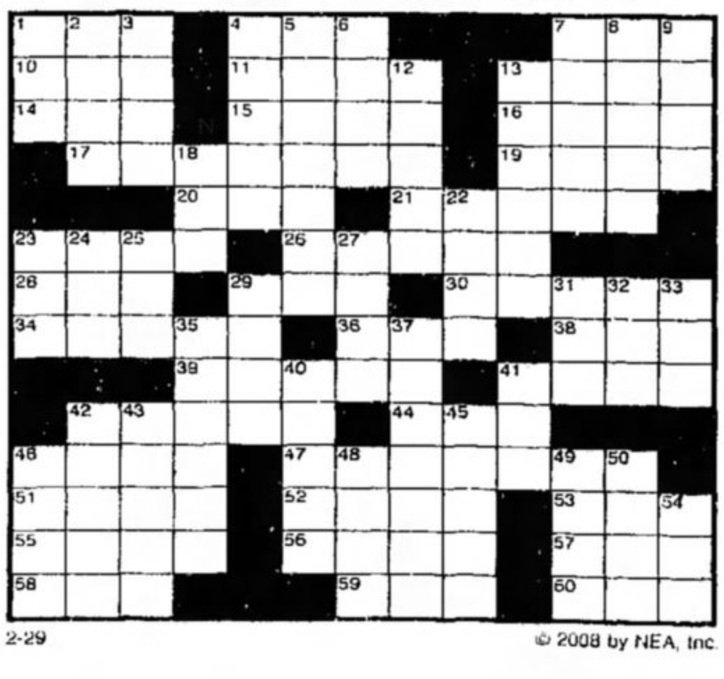

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FEATURES

CALENDAR WATCH

Saturday

- Individual Development Program, Holiday Inn, Meadowlands, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Flea market, Saint Sebastian Parish Hall, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Bake sale order deadline, St. John the Divine Orthodox Church, Monessen (724) 684-9083 or (724) 684-4742.
- Fish fry, Wayman A.M.E. Church, Monessen, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Gold Wing Road Riders plan meeting

The Gold Wing Road Riders will meet 10 a.m. Sunday at the Holiday Inn Belle Vernon.

MARS schedules luncheon meeting

The Mon Valley Association of Retired Steelworkers, M.A.R.S., members will have a luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Donora Library board to meet

The Donora Library board of directors will meet 6 p.m. Wednesday at the library.

Monessen Band Parents to meet Wednesday

Monessen High School Band Parents will have a mandatory meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday in the band room.

Engineer's workshop set in Greensburg

The Westmoreland Conservation District will hold an Engineer's Workshop 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 13 and 14 at Giannilli's II, Route 30, Greensburg. Engineers, municipal officials and others who design, review or build stormwater systems and erosion controls will benefit from the workshop. Contact Christie at (724) 837-5271, extension 210 or christie@wcdpa.com by March 6. A fee will be imposed.

YMCA schedules several programs

The Mon Valley YMCA, Carroll Township, will offer the following programs:

Balanced Body - 36 weekly group fitness classes, begins a new nine-week session March 3. Included is "Walk Off the Pounds" an easy to follow walking class on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. and Fridays at 9 a.m.

Zumba, Latin dance exercise Tuesday and Thursday mornings and evenings beginning March 4.

Zumba Gold, for beginnings, on Friday mornings, begins March 7.

For information, call (724) 483-8077 or log on to monvalleyymca.org.

Tobacco Free Coaltion to meet

The Monessen Tobacco Free Coalition will meet 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the Monessen Public Library conference room.

Literacy Council plans tutor training

The Washington County Literacy Council has scheduled its first new tutor training at the newly opened Mon Valley Center, located in the John K. Tener Library, 638 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Anyone interested in becoming a tutor can call (724) 479-7137 to register for the class.

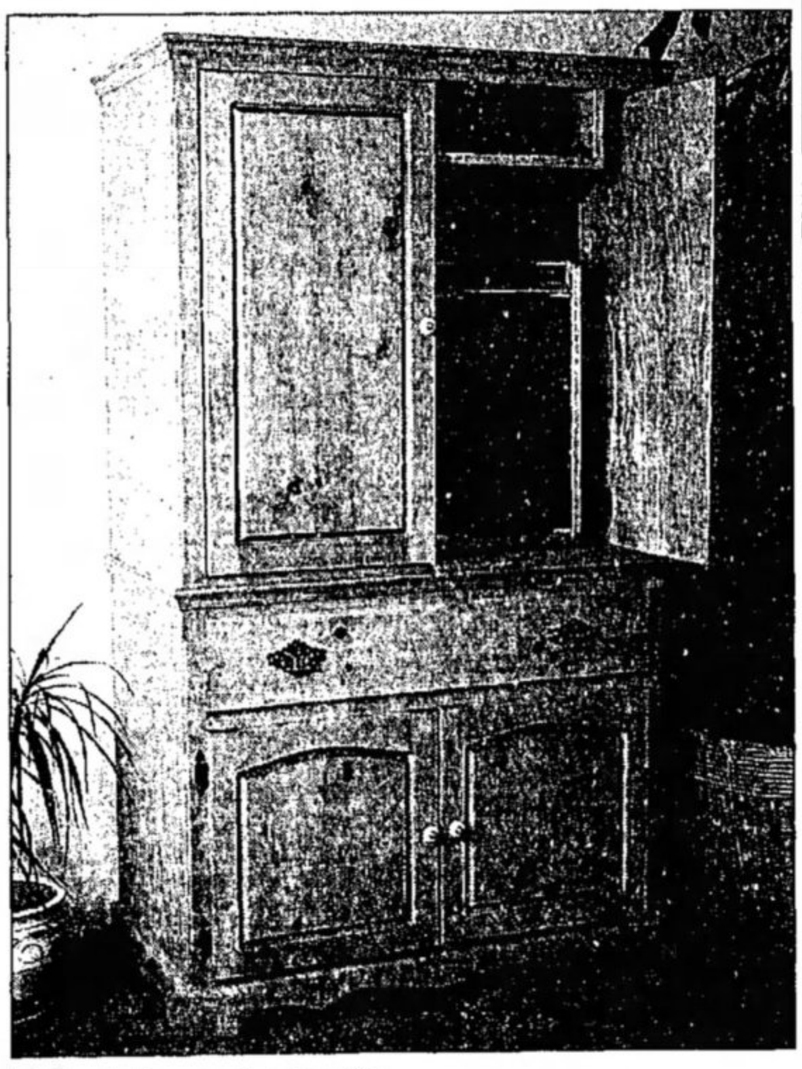
The council provides free and confidential one-on-one literacy training to adults who wish to improve their reading, writing, spelling, math and comprehension skills. No prior experience is needed, just a willingness to help and a few hours a week to meet with the student. For information, contact Dianne at (724) 489-7137.

VFW Post 1190 to meet Tuesday

Allison Lescanic Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1190 will hold an important meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Mon Valley Community Health Center, fourth floor, Monessen.

PROJECT OF THE WEEK

A home for your TV



Entertainment armoire

While most people enjoy watching television, no one wants to look at a blank TV screen. This handsome entertainment armoire project provides the perfect solution. Once the program, movie or game is over, everything neatly disappears behind closed doors.

The main compartment measures 34 inches tall by 32 inches across, perfect for a wide variety of TVs. There's a shelf for a cable or satellite receiver above the TV, and a lower cabinet for video components like a DVD player, sound system or VCR. Additionally, a big storage drawer keeps DVDs and video game cartridges handy.

To keep costs down and simplify construction, the bulk of the project is made from plywood, including the sides, back and top. Pine is used for the facing, trim and doors (as pictured; other species will work). Although lumber prices vary, this armoire was built for about 20 percent of the cost of a ready-made unit.

Overall, the project measures 70 inches tall by 39 inches wide by 23 inches deep.

The Entertainment Armoire plan, No. 847, is $6.95 and includes step-by-step instructions with photos, full-size patterns, construction diagrams, a shopping list and cutting schedule and a toll-free help line for project questions.

A package of three TV cabinet plans, No. C156, is $16.95 and includes plans for this project plus another armoire and a corner TV cabinet. A free catalog picturing dozens of do-it-yourself projects is also available. Please include $4 for postage and handling and allow about two weeks for delivery.

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Frugal Living

Sell baby gear in bulk?

Sara **NOEL**

DEAR SARA: I cleaned out my basement and have a lot of baby gear to sell. I want to sell this stuff quickly, so I will price it pretty low, but I'd still like to get about $100. Should I list the items together as a large "lot" or separately? — **Diana M. via e-mail**

DEAR DIANA: Listing them together might cause some people to pass on your stuff because they don't need or want it all. "Lots" work best for items like clothing and books. With that said, you could word your ad like this: "Baby gear for sale. Buy separately or together." Then give a slight discount, as an incentive, if they buy all of it.

DEAR SARA: I've heard people use slivers of soap by sticking the last bit to a new bar. It's too much work for me to melt and make "new" bars. Any other tips to use up the soap slivers? — **Carrie, e-mail**

DEAR CARRIE: You fold a washcloth in half and sew up the sides to form a pocket, then place your slivers into it. Some people use pantyhose or a sock to hold the slivers. You can also place the slivers into a leftover liquid-soap pump dispenser. Add two marbles and fill with water. Shake before using.

DEAR SARA: I work as a landscaper, and my boots are often wet. I have tried to dry them over a heat register, and this works sometimes, but they're starting to smell. Any suggestions? — **Bill, Illinois**

DEAR BILL: I'll probably get 30 lashes with a wet ramen noodle for suggesting this. Have you tried a boot dryer? It's a machine that dries boots. While it's not as cheap as using your heat register, you'll find it does a great job of drying throughout the year, it's quiet when it's on and it doesn't warp the shape of your boots. It's one of those items you'll be happy you bought if you work outside, hunt, fish, ski, have kids that play outside or play sports where your shoes get sweaty. There are models that dry hats and gloves, too. I don't usually recommend buying an item if there is a low-cost solution, but I have discovered this product to be a good investment that solves the problem of wet boots. Hair dryers overheat, laundry dryers can sometimes cause damage and air-drying often isn't fast enough.

DEAR SARA: Any quick and frugal suggestions for spoon rests? — **Carla, e-mail**

DEAR CARLA: You can reuse a lid from jars such as peanut butter or mayonnaise.

DEAR SARA: I'm looking for a fun activity for a small group of 5-year-olds to do that isn't messy or time-consuming. I want this activity for a spring school party. — **Tina C., New York**

DEAR TINA C.: How about making edible necklaces? You can use shoelace licorice, marshmallows or Peeps, cereal with holes in it, pretzels, dried fruit and gummie candies. Use plastic needles to poke holes into the dried fruit.

DEAR SARA: My mother-in-law is coming for a visit. She's older and can't do a lot of running around. My husband can't take vacation time that covers her entire visit so that leaves me alone with her part of the time. I want to make this time enjoyable for her, but I don't have a lot of money to spend. Help me with ideas, please. — **Helena, via e-mail**

DEAR HELENA: You could rent a movie or scrapbook together. If she has a skill such as cooking, baking, crocheting or quilting that you've always wanted to learn, ask her to teach you. You could sip tea, talk and do a jigsaw puzzle together, or go on a trip to the salon. I enjoyed doing plastic canvas with my grandmother, working together on writing a memoir journal, gardening, making a silk floral arrangement, taking pictures and going to garage sales. Ask her whether there's anything special she'd really like to do. Let her know you have a few surprises but want her input, too.

To send tips, comments or questions, write to Sara Noel, c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or e-mail sara@frugalvillage.com.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Fayette City Goldenagers

The Fayette City Goldenagers held its regular monthly meeting at the Center on the Hill, Washington Township, noon Feb. 21. President Shirley Fugo called the meeting to order, gave opening prayer and led the members in the flag pledge in the absence of Chaplain Betty Savarino.

Members sang Happy Birthday to Edith Weaver, Elane Laszewiski and Irene Baron. Two new members are Patty Morgini and Mary Ann Mollard. Servers for lunch were Shirley Demko, Eleanore Duwall, Pat Makula, Lidia Salvino, Betty McGuire. They were assisted by Leo Potisek, George Fugo, and Jim Savarino. George Leasure was the king and Marie Kiolisek was the queen for Valentine's Day.

Following lunch, Shirley Fugo called upon Secretary Loretta Mitchner to read the minutes of the January meeting. They were approved as read. Treasurer Mary Braddock reported. The reports were approved as red.

Shirley Fugo reported on get-well cards and sympathy cards sent. A silent prayer was held for a deceased member.

Stella Kroskie (travel lady) announced a trip to Seneca Allegheny and Seneca Niagara. For information, call (724) 929-3059.

The president thanked the volunteers for their help. Servers for the March meeting will be Edith Forsythe, Rose Dalia, Rose Kander, Ann Strelinski and Shirley Demko. They are to be at the center at 11 a.m.

Door prize winners were Anita Sefchok, Frank Delia, Mary Nega, Ann Strelinski, Edith Weaver, Swanee Sopsic, Minnie Hauth, Rhonda Yosko, Madeline Potisek.

The president closed the meeting with a prayer. The rest of the afternoon was spent playing games.

The next meeting will be held March 20.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: U equals F

"SKB'E FKTA FOEN VNOHSTRB, YBOGYHI KT IYHGY NYXRA. FNRB INR'I KB IVTRRB, O GYX'YI FRHH JR UHKIIOBD GX ERREN." - CORTVR JTKIBYB

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "Pop music tells you that everything is OK and rock music tells you that it's not, but that you can change it." - Bono

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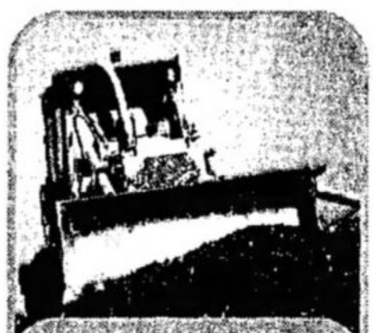

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Southwest Behavioral Care, Inc. is now accepting applications for Part-Time Workers in the Crisis Stabilization/ Diversion Unit. Responsibilities include maintaining the general safety, security of consumers in crisis and aids consumers with the implementation of their individualized service plans. Must be available to work shifts. Qualified individuals should forward resume to: Office of Human Resources, 300 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi, PA 15022. Attn: Dept. 0828, no later than March 11, 2008. For additional information, log on to our home page address at: www.sphs.org. Our email address is: postmaster@sphs.org

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DOWN ROUTE DRIVER
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ESTIMATOR
Needed for machine/fab/weld job shop. Must demonstrate strong manufacturing and repair experience in a shop environment. Ability to work closely with others, prioritize to meet deadlines and interact with customers. Position offers competitive wage and excellent benefit package including 401k plan, medical, dental, vision, vacation and paid holidays. Apply in person or send resume to: SMS Millcraft, 750 Manifold Road, Washington, PA 15301

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FLOWER SHOP help wanted. Must work weekends. Those interested please call 724-684-4211

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- WAITRESS
- HOUSEKEEPING

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MAINTENANCE Position. Part-time M-F 8am-2pm. Duties include landscape, janitorial, painting, etc. Please call after 5pm 724-483-1600 and leave message.

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MH/MR Support Staff
Laurel Highlands Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports persons with MH/MR developmental disabilities, is currently seeking part-time and full-time support staff to work in our community homes in the West Newton, Turkeytown Rd., New Stanton, and Elizabeth areas. No experience is necessary. Paid training. Must be at least 18 years of age and have valid PA driver's license. Starting rate is $8.63/hour with benefits after 90 days, increase to $8.86/hr. after 6 months. EOE. Call ONLY Mon.-Fri., 9-3pm. 412-825-9141.

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412-469-2800

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Route 119 N.
Connellsville, PA
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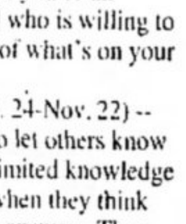

February 19 through March 20

SATURDAY, MAR. 1, 2008

As always, patience and tenacity will be required to accomplish your ambitious undertakings in the year ahead. However, because you realize the possible rewards involved, you won't have any trouble persisting with an enduring nature.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Friends who seek your advice or opinions might expect you to tell them only the good things, but if you are to be helpful, you will have something else to say. Try to sugarcoat your words to take the edge off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- There are limitations to everything, including your energies, intellect and opportunities, that you need to take into consideration. In order to make the most of them, design a game plan before getting started.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Take adequate time to study the ramifications of the plan you have in mind to carry out your heart's desire. By eliminating any guesswork, you should be able to realize the success you envision.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- It will take extra patience to handle your commercial dealings, but insist upon full disclosure regardless of what excuses are given. If you are realistic about what is at stake, you shouldn't have any trouble doing so.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Even if it is an inconvenience, stand behind the promises you made to friends. Being a person who stands behind his or her word will be important in strengthening your image and/or credibility.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Before putting out funds you can't afford for something you think you need, double-check to see whether there is any way possible you can live a bit longer with what you already have.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- People or situations that are your responsibility and under your direct control will need a bit more attention than usual. Regardless of whatever else you have on your plate, you'll handle your obligations quite well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Someone who has helped you a number of times in the past will be in need of some assistance. Demonstrate that you're an appreciative pal who is willing to help regardless of what's on your agenda.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't hesitate to let others know you only have limited knowledge about an issue when they think you have all the answers. They won't think less of you for revealing your shortcomings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- An associate won't necessarily be deliberately trying to shortchange you, but mistakes can happen. Protect your interests now instead of overlooking what is justly owed you. It won't wait until another day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- There is a strong probability that you will be faced with a situation that requires special knowledge and expertise. Fortunately, it will be something you have once before tackled and mastered in the process.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You will be asked to do something for someone that you would even be reluctant to do for yourself. Once you study the matter, you'll take pride in the fact that you have the capabilities to do so.

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While work-at-home and other informational advertising is often legitimate, we advise readers to fully investigate the background of any company before paying a fee. If an offer sounds "too good to be true", it probably is. Proceed with caution if you are asked to send money or in calling 900 numbers. All phone numbers prefixed by "900" are charged to the caller on a per minute or per call basis. The Valley Independent makes every effort to qualify these charges for the reader. Remember, if you have any doubts, investigate!

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SUMMER HELP- P/T, grass cutting, etc. 18 yrs. of age. Driver's license required. Apply in person at Mon Valley Memorial Park, 49 2nd St. Ext., Donora.

1010/ACCOUNTING/FINANCE

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Position with local financial institution. Part-time. Experience preferred. Flexible hours. Reply to Box 856 c/o The Valley Independent Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062.

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Airgas Specialty Products
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1025/DRIVERS

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DRIVER local delivery, must have clean driving record & CDL Class B minimum requirement. Apply in person Valley Tire Co., Inc., 2107 Gibsonton Rd., Belle Vernon, PA.

1040/MEDICAL

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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Guiser, Robert M.
ESTATE NOTICE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of ROBERT M. GUISER, late of Newell Borough, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Fayette County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same present them without delay to:

Eric James Guiser, Executor
933 Newell Road
Newell, PA 15466

Alan Benyak, Esquire
401 Sixth Street at Washington Avenue
Post Office Box 1
Charleroi, PA 15022
2/15,22,29

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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Hayden, Vernon W. Sr.
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of
VERNON W. HAYDEN, SR.
NO. 02-08-00575

late of Elizabeth, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Letters of Administration upon the above estate have been granted by the Register of Wills. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted thereto to make payment without delay and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement to the Administratrix or to her attorney.

Administratrix:
SANDRA D. DuCARME
34 Decker Street
Monongahela, PA 15063

Attorney:
JANETTE BAISLEY, ESQ.
Amalangelo & Baisley
100 Fourth Street
Donora, PA 15033
2/15,22,29

Lovell, Charles W.
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of CHARLES W. LOVELL, late of 104 Courtney Hill Road, Finleyville, PA 15332.

Letters of Testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted hereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

Lou Ann Scalise
55 Courtney Hill Rd
Finleyville, PA 15332

Charles William Lovell, III
12 Curry Lane
Finleyville, PA 15332

Neil J. Marcus, Esquire
P.O. Box 852
Monongahela, PA 15063
2/29,3/7,14

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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Macik, Lillian D.
ESTATE NOTICE

Letters of administration on the estate of LILLIAN D. MACIK late of The Township of Rostraver, Westmoreland County, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Westmoreland County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to

Edward Macik, Administrator
617 South Elder St.
Anaheim, CA 92805

Mark S. Galper, Esquire
BERGSTEIN & GALPER, P.C.
409 Schoonmaker Ave.
P.O. Box A
Monessen, PA 15062
2/15,22,29

Murt, Jonathan M.
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Letters of Administration on the Estate of JONATHAN M. MURT, late of Belle Vernon, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Westmoreland County, on February 7, 2008. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present these to the undersigned, duly authenticated for settlement.

Thomas and Mary Lou Murt
108 Lee Drive
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
Co-Administrator's

Michael A. Johnson
Attorney at Law
749 N. Church Street
Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666
2/15,22,29

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5310/GARAGE/YARD SALES

BELLE VERNON Winter Indoor Yard Sale March 1 & 2, 9am-2pm. St. Sebastian Parish Hall. General admission 25 cents.

N.BELLE VERNON-1039 Broad Ave. Indoor Sale Tues. thru Sat., 1-5pm. Baskets, clocks, small furniture items, lamps.

5310/GARAGE/YARD SALES

MONESSEN- 102 Sixth St. Thurs. & Fri., Feb. 28 & 29, 10-7 & Sat., March 1, 8-12. Men & women's clothing $3 & under, other misc. Everything must go!

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2020/BID NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
CALIFORNIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sealed proposals are requested for an ACT 77, Guaranteed Energy Savings Project. A copy of the Request for Proposal may be obtained by contacting:

Dr. Timothy Marks
California Area School District
750 Orchard Street
California, PA 15419
724-938-2511

Sealed proposals are to be submitted to California Area School District. The proposal is to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Energy Savings Project" and will not be accepted after 10:00 a.m. EST, March 03, 2008. Proposals will be opened at 10:15 a.m. EST, March 03, 2008 in the Administration Office. Proposals are to remain valid for 120 days and will be awarded at the convenience of the Board of School Directors.

The Board of School Directors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

By Order of the Board
Mary Bastin,
School Board Secretary
2/22,25,29

2030/MEETING NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Monongahela will hold a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed City of Monongahela and New Eagle Borough Joint Comprehensive Plan. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 449 West Main Street, Monongahela, PA. Immediately following the hearing, City Council will meet at its regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:00 p.m. where adoption of the City of Monongahela and New Eagle Borough Joint Comprehensive Plan is proposed to occur.

Interested persons or their agents may appear at the aforementioned public hearing to provide comment on the proposed Joint Comprehensive Plan. Pertinent records may be inspected prior to the hearing at Monongahela City Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Carole Foglia,
City Clerk
2/29,3/3

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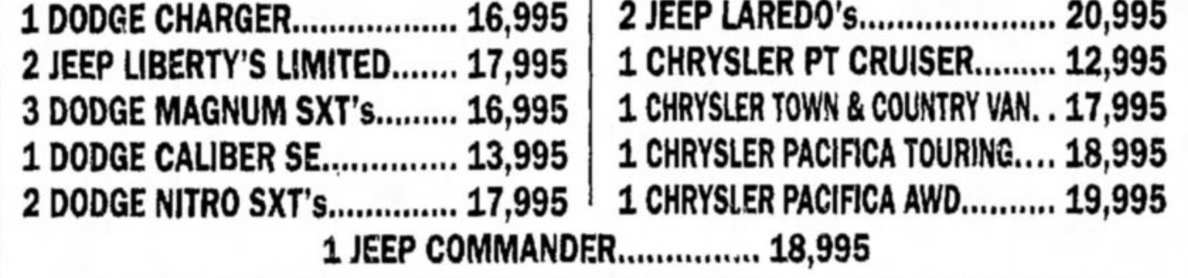

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Greetings from Mayor Lignelli

Dear friends of our region of Donora:

As mayor of the borough of Donora, I am pleased to introduce you to our town.

Donora was one of the first towns to lose its major industry, U.S. Steel, in the early 1960s. I am proud of the leaders at the time who didn't just roll over or sit back and do nothing but accept their fate. They went ahead and developed the 220 acres left behind by U.S. Steel.

I am proud to say that currently there are only about 15 to 20 acres of land that remain to be developed. Donora has always had very good, highly skilled workers with good work ethics.

Donora is fortunate to be near Mon Valley Hospital, an excellent medical center. Also, California University of Pennsylvania, a fine higher educational facility, is just 20 minutes away.

The second half of the road going through the industrial park has been completed, making it much easier to handle the large truck traffic necessary for the plants in the industrial park.

We are very proud of Palmer Park, one of the best recreational areas in Southwestern Pennsylvania. We are continuing work on improvements to make it even better.

At the Southern end of Donora, we honor our veterans with a state-of-the-art memorial and a beautiful large flower garden across the highway.

The people of Donora are fortunate to have the Downtown Committee, which does a lot to improve the appearance of the town, and we are grateful for Chuck Muia, the chairman of the committee.

We have a major project in the works at the northern end of town on Route 837. It's the replacing of an old, deteriorated wall on both sides of Route 837. The project has been held up for a couple of years due to the changes being made by PennDOT and the project engineers. So again we are hoping that these differences can be worked out and the project gets under way and completed very soon

The Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority has recently purchased the large warehouse located on Eighth Street in the MIDA Industrial Park. It's a 41,000-square-foot building with three acres of land. We're hoping within a year we will be moving the entire operations of buses to the new location at the Donora Industrial Park. The Donora site will replace the present location at Speers.

Mayor John Lignelli

It is always a great pleasure to be part of the Mid-Mon Valley, where the communities work together and pool their resources in time of need. We must all continue to work together if we intend to survive as a region and not just be concerned about ourselves.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce you to our community. God bless all of you.

John Lignelli
Mayor of Donora

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It's an exciting time in Donora

It is a pleasure to be able to provide this Business and Community informational directory for your use. It is a beneficial guide to business and services provided to Donora.

Your support of our community is always appreciated since these local businesses provide jobs and taxes, which ultimately boost the local economy. We are excited about several new merchants that have recently opened here, and are doing quite well.

We also appreciate your support of the various activities that will be presented this year by the Chamber of Commerce.

John E. Cupper
President
Donora Chamber of Commerce

Chamber has great plans for 2008

An interesting agenda has been completed for 2008 by the Board of Directors of the Donora Chamber of Commerce.

Included are community lunches and dinners, an Easter event, various fundraisers and Lite-Up Nite.

Our latest project was our participation along with the Borough of Donora in successfully purchasing new holiday decorations that greatly enhanced our downtown area at Christmas.

This costly project was met with enthusiasm and support by the community. We greatly appreciate the donations made from all factions.

Without your support, this could not have been accomplished.

Membership does provide part of the budget necessary to maintain the Chamber of Commerce office, along with the participation of the Donora Downtown Committee and our fundraising efforts.

Your support is critical to maintaining our programs.

Individual memberships are welcome, along with our business memberships.

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Donora's downtown area was a little brighter this season thanks to new holiday display lights that have been purchased. Borough officials are hoping to raise money to pay for the wreaths. In the front row, from left, are Mayor John Lignelli, Councilwoman Carol Rands, Donora Chamber of Commerce member Phyllis Pelliccione and Donora Fire Department member Casey Perrotta. In back, from left, are Donora Chamber President John Cupper, Harry Marchewka and Ed Gray.

$10,000 more needed for lights

DONORA – The borough's downtown district was lit up over the 2007 holiday season with new Christmas lights that were purchased through donations.

The lights — large wreaths that were hung in the downtown area of the community for the yule holiday season — cost more than $22,000.

The borough raised the money for the display, thanks to the help of the Donora Downtown Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, the Central Committee, the fire department and donations.

"It's been a real community effort to raise these funds," said Councilwoman Carol Rands.

The borough went on an aggressive fund-raising effort late in the year to raise the rest of the money needed to pay for the lights.

At the time, Councilwoman Marie Trozzo said each wreath cost $300 and suggested that people could sponsor a wreath, either separately or as a group.

The borough decided last fall to purchase new lights after it was determined that the old lights were simply not able to be used.

"Our lights were over 25 years old and there was no more fixing up for them," said Mayor John Lignelli. "You can only repair lights so many times before you have to just say it isn't worth it."

And, thanks to some hard work and helpful organizations, the borough had a bright holiday season and will do so for years to come.

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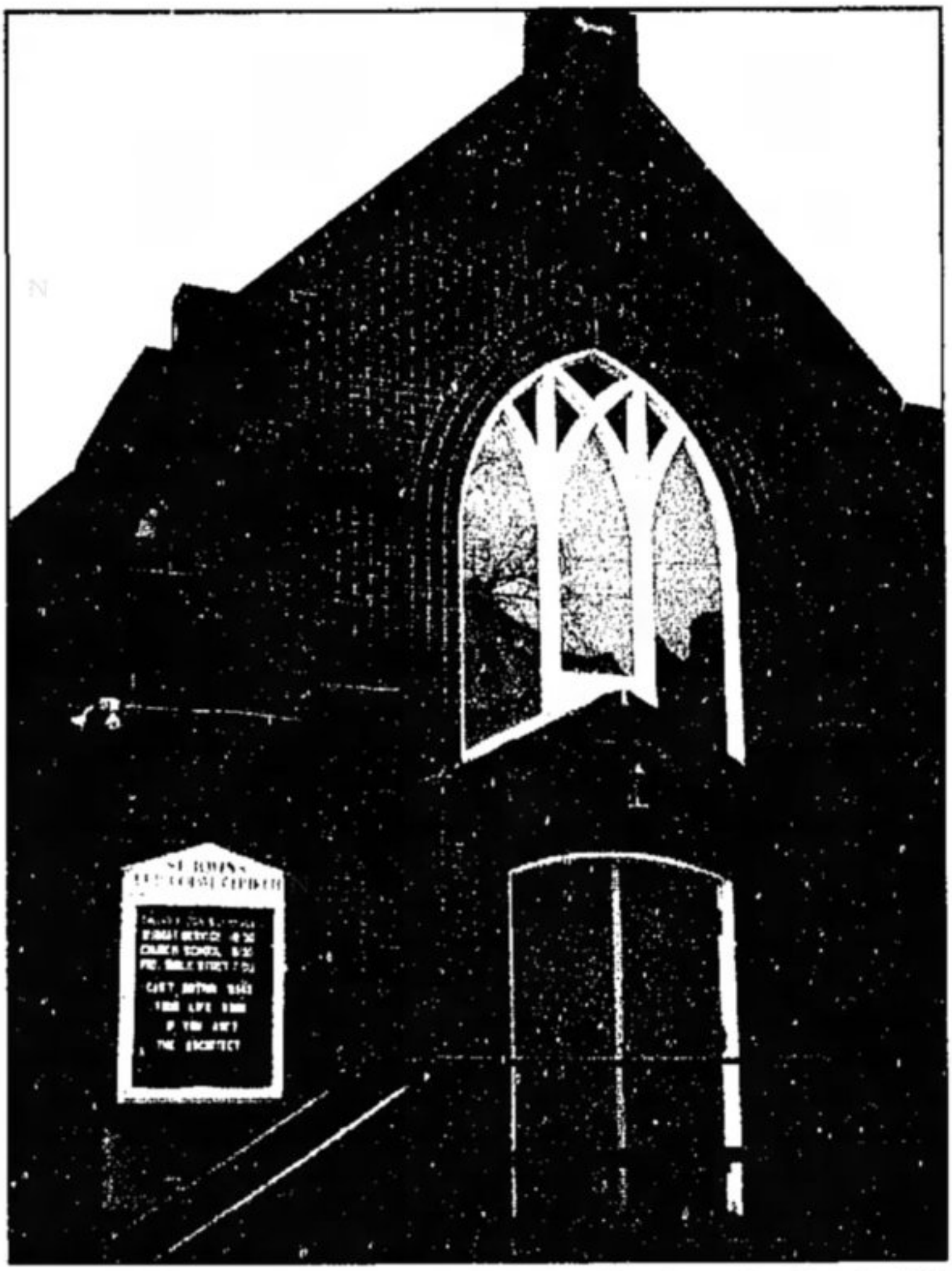

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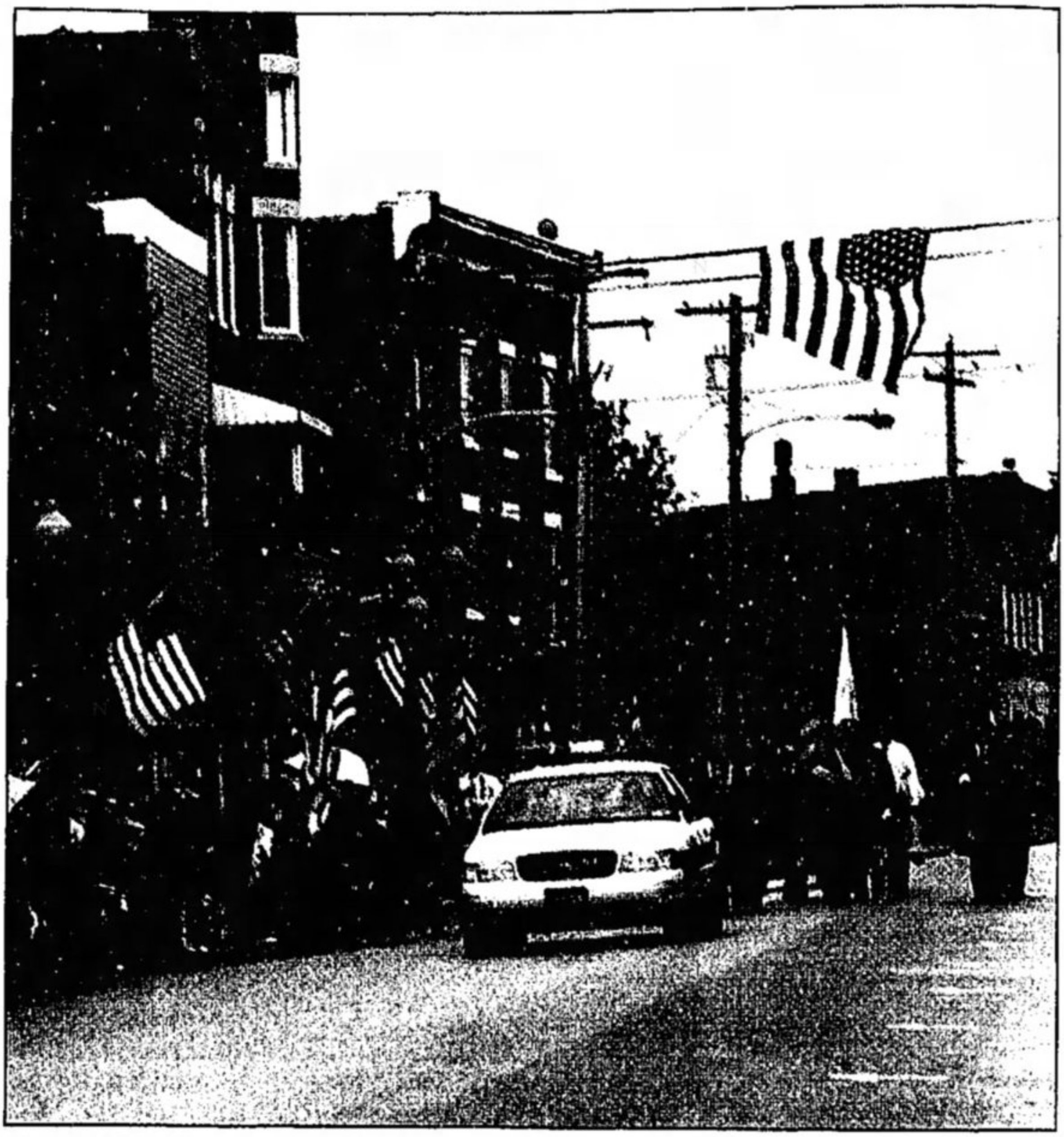

For nearly 25 years, the Donora Downtown Committee has worked to beautify and improve the borough's downtown area. The number one goal of the committee is to rebuild the economic and social base to the level once enjoyed in Donora.

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Downtown Committee works for Donora

On Aug. 11, 1983, the Donora Downtown Committee was formed by resolution of Donora Borough Council.

The committee was to act as a liaison between council, contractor, architect and the Washington County Redevelopment Authority to coordinate activities connected with the revitalization of the downtown district.

The revitalization area consists of two blocks along the borough's main street and two blocks of Sixth Street in the center of the business district.

The project included putting utilities underground, replacing sidewalks and adding tree and shrub planters and light posts.

The total cost of the project was $1.8 million, which was primarily funded with Community Development monies, along with one grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs.

The committee became incorporated in May 1984 and, upon the realization of the possibility of a grant from the William H. Donner foundation, applied for and received 501(c)(3) designation Jan. 22, 1986.

The committee has since received several donations, grants and property that have made it a viable part of the community.

Its efforts are geared toward continual revitalization of Donora as well as maintenance of those areas already re-developed.

The main objective of the committee is to rebuild the economic and social base to the level once enjoyed by the people of Donora.

From its inception, the committee has solicited operating funds.

In addition to several local contributors, the committee has received cash donations from the William H. Donner Foundation, the H.J. Heinz Endowment, the Pittsburgh National Foundation and the Mon Valley Revitalization Committee.

Mellon Bank donated the former McDonald's building, which was then converted to a central kitchen occupied by the Southwestern Penn-sylvania Area Agency on Aging that furnishes 900 meals each day to the elderly.

The kitchen has the capacity to serve 1,200 meals daily.

Jerome and Rosanne Campa donated a building at 638 McKean Ave., that was remodeled to serve as offices for the Donora Chamber of Commerce.

Two apartments on the second floor are rented out to help pay for the upkeep of the building and pay the utilities for the chamber.

The committee constructed a large gazebo in the Sixth Street parking lot that stands as a beautiful centerpiece in the downtown area.

The committee has also assisted with several other projects, including the town clock, a memorial to William H. Donner that includes a decorative water fountain and a large gazebo and the town flower garden.

The latest project was the war memorial across from the flower garden at the south entrance to town. The committee has raised some $400,000 since 2003 for the memorial and fundraising continues today.

The committee continues to support the area by contributing to the fire company, the police department, the street department, Donora Library and Toys for Tots, as well as the Mon Valley Hospital, the Mon Valley YMCA and the Ringgold School District.

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The Donora Police department provides 24-hour protection of the community. The department offers a confidential tip line to aid in the fight against drugs.

Police force protects Donora

Protecting and serving the community is all in a day's work for the Donora Police Department, as ensuring the safety of the residents is one of the most important aspects of the borough.

The Donora Police Department offers 24-hour protection with the highest standard of excellence provided by some of the finest officers in the Mid-Mon Valley.

To provide further protection for the community, officers can be seen walking the beat in the downtown and residential areas.

The police department has four cars and one Explorer. They are equipped with portable radios, alert systems and computers.

The department is applying for a grant to get a new 800-megahertz radio system and grants for cameras in the cars, voice analyzers and drug-sniffing and crowd-control dogs.

The Donora Police Department is made up of Superintendent James Brice, full-time officers Keith Charlton, Neal Rands, Jason Paternoster, Brett Massafra and Joey Stringa, along with part-time officers Michael North, Jason Smith, Spencer Wilcher, Brian Vitale, Chad Zelinski, Jeffrey Jones, Rob Dorcon, Scott Abbott, Michael Buynar, Chris Gray, David Kimball, Mark Shemansky and James Quattro.

Residents can also help the department in helping fight crime. A hotline number, which is strictly confidential, has been an ongoing project to aid in the fight against drugs. The hotline was implemented with the assistance of the Tempering the Valley of Steel Coalition Network. The number is (724) 379-4406.

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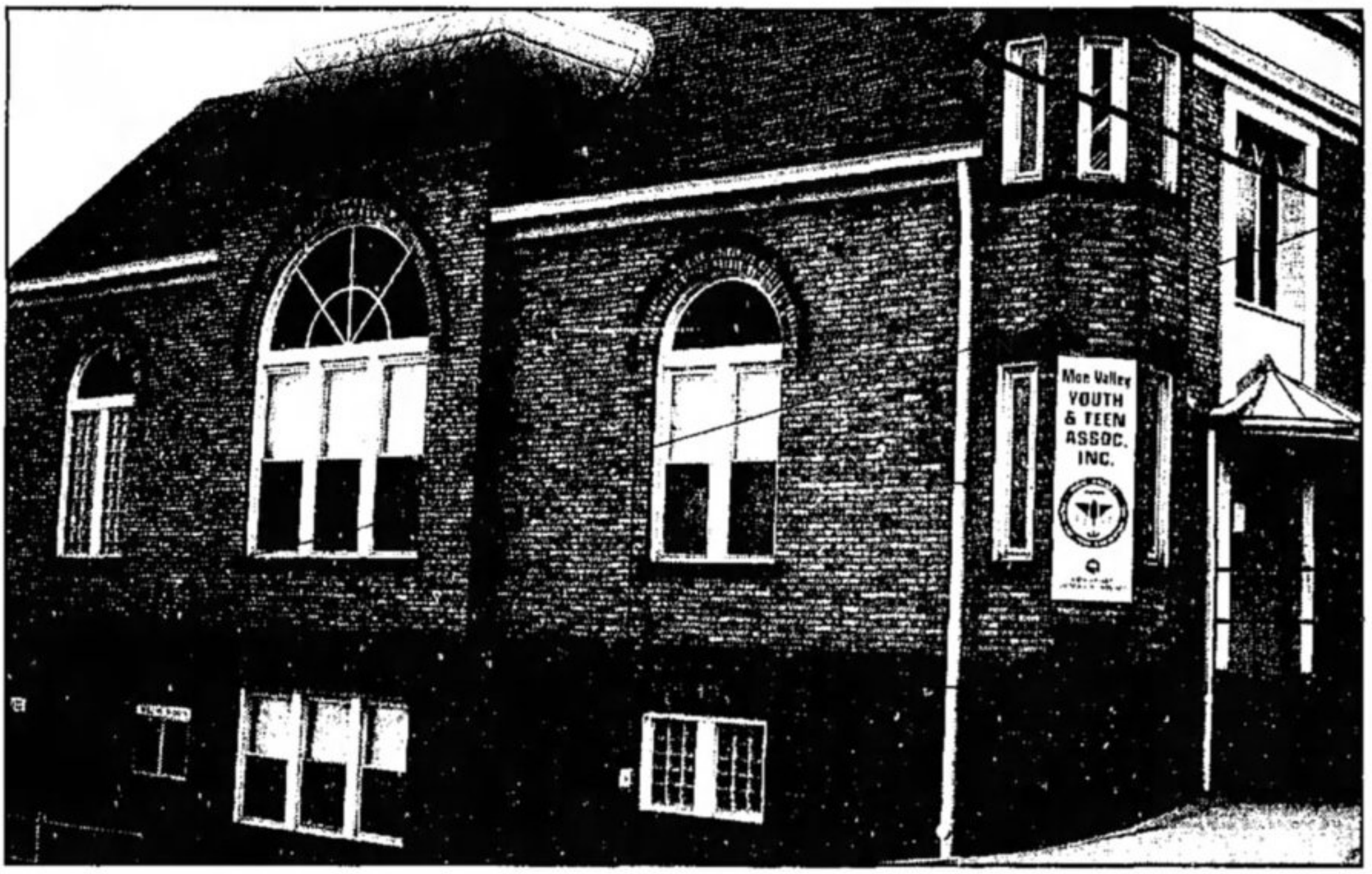

Mon Valley Youth and Teen is located at 538 McKean Ave. in Donora.

Youth and Teen serves young people

The Mon Valley Youth and Teen Association Inc. is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide services to youth and teens in the Mon Valley through programs and activities that provide and promote self-esteem and responsibility to self and others and to seek to improve those conditions in our society which affect the youth of today and in the future.

Programs offered by the association are designed to provide opportunities in decision making, socialization and interaction, leadership, responsibility, self-esteem and community involvement.

The executive director is Mary Anne Bandalo.

The main office is located at 538 McKean Ave., where programs are coordinated such as youth groups, which meet on a weekly basis; resident camps, where youths of all ages take residence for one week at a camp site in Laurel Hill State Park; day camps, designed for children in pre-school through grade six and a youth center.

The Youth Center is located at 160 Thompson Ave. in Donora, where the center is staffed by adult volunteers and staff who provide a variety of after-school and evening programs for children and teens.

The Mon Valley Youth and Teen Association Inc. is a partner agency of the United Way of the Mon Valley.

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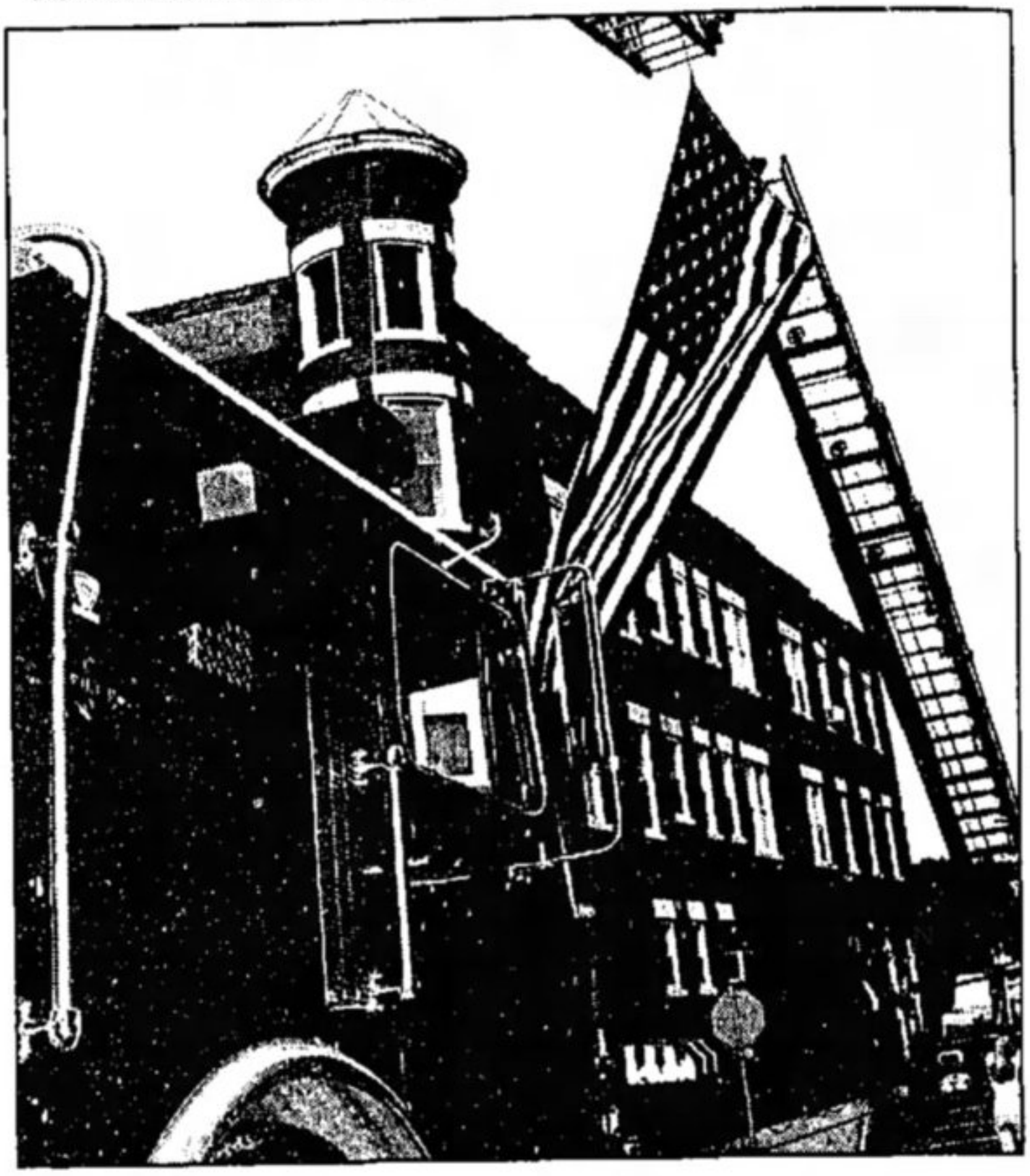

Fire company always ready

The Donora Fire Company continues to provide around the clock emergency service for residents in the borough and surrounding communities.

The 35-member fire company is currently led by Fire Chief Patsy A. Vince; Assistant Chief / President Gordon J. Anderson; Captain / Secretary Casey J. Perrotta; and Lieutenant Tom Fronzaglio.

The Borough of Donora was incorporated in 1901. Concerns of safety issues in the Borough came soon after

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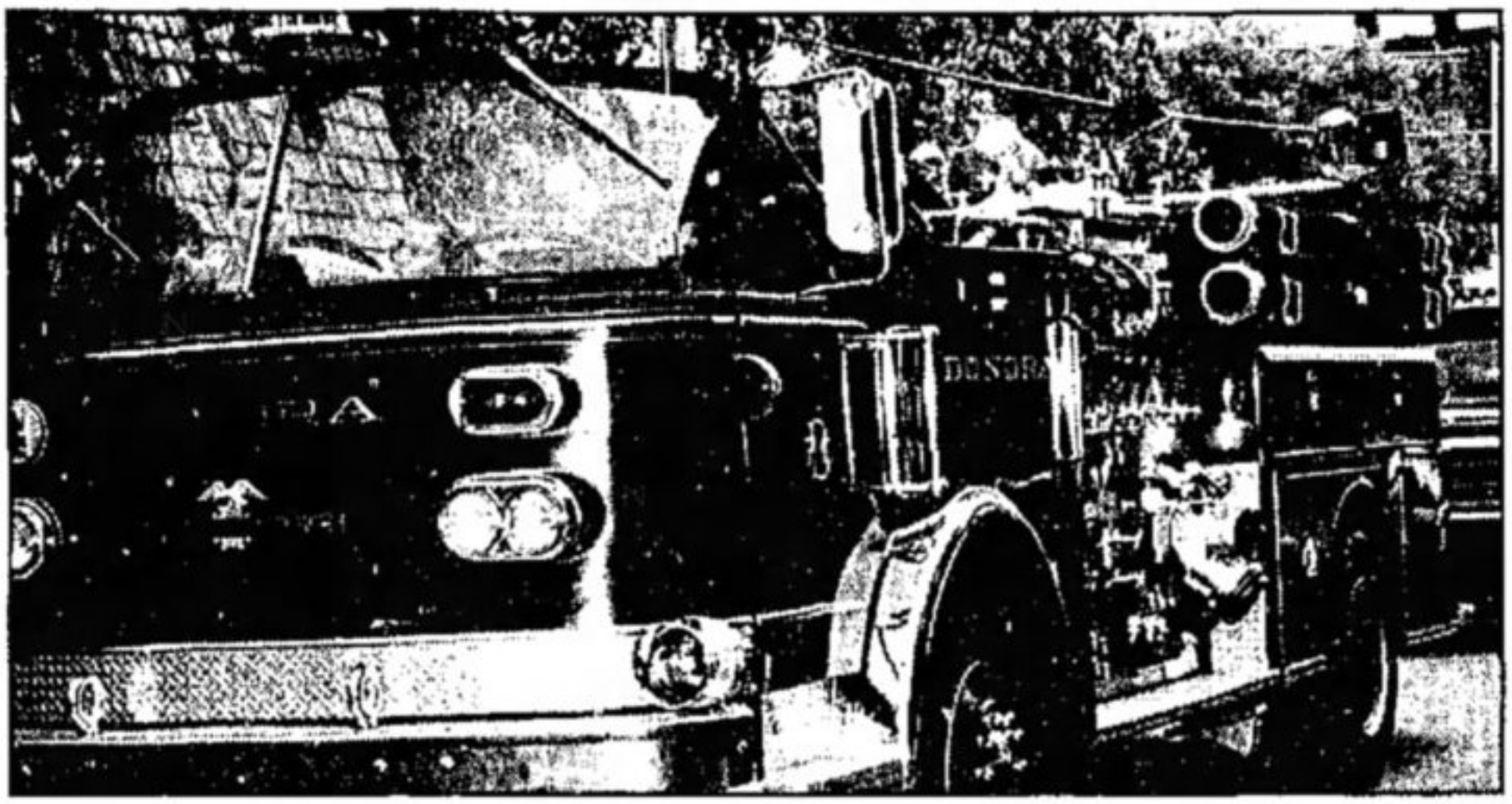


Along with responding to emergencies, the Donora Fire Company promotes fire safety in the community.

its incorporation. Issues such as house fires, and other emergency situations, as such, a volunteer organization known as the Donora Fire Company was then formed. The first meeting of the Donora Fire Company was held on July 5, 1901 and the organization was established concluding the meeting held on Sept. 3, 1901, with a total of 23 enrolled members.

In 1949, the fire company purchased its first 750 gallon per minute engine; it was a 1949 American LaFrance 700 Series Foamite, which is currently used to this day as a backup pumper in emergencies.

In 1950, the fire company had purchased a 1950 American LaFrance 75 foot ladder truck to reach the top of two and three story structures in the borough. Two years later, the fire company purchased a 1952 American LaFrance 750 gallon per minute pumper to supply water to the ladder truck during a fire.

In 1976, boats became a large part on the Monongahela River, and river emergencies were climbing, during that year the fire company purchased a 1976 Ford Van and a 1976 Smoker craft rescue motor boat which could accommodate 3 people.

In 1977, Mary Smith and her family helped the borough and fire company raise over $10,000 to help purchase our 1978 American LaFrance 1,250 gallon per minute engine.

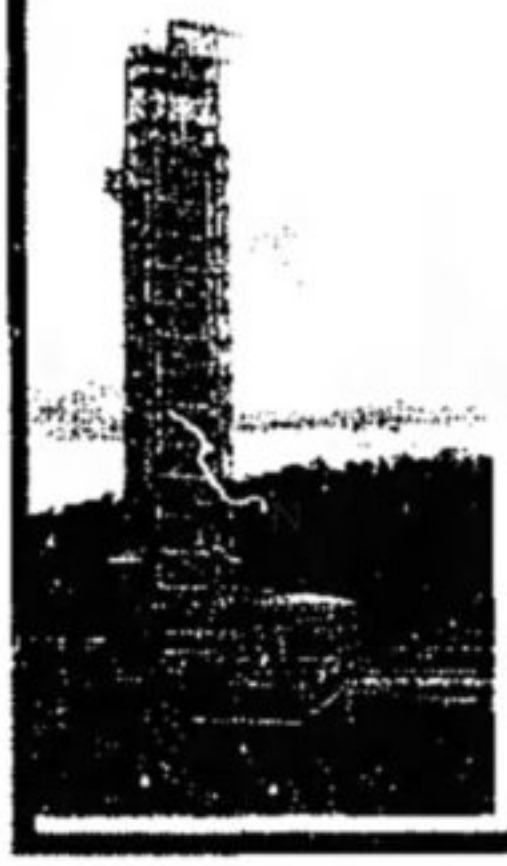
In August, 1994, the fire company had purchased a 1976 Ford 600 Series rescue truck off of the Forrest Hills Fire Department in Allegheny County . This rescue truck included numerous rescue tools such as a complete Hurst tool set (Jaws of Life).

In 1999, the fire company purchased their two newest pieces of apparatus, a 1999 Ford F350 Super Duty Crew Cab Pick-up Truck to replace the 1976 Ford Van, and a 1999 American LaFrance 1,500 gallon per minute engine to replace the 1949 pumper that was previously mentioned.

In 2000, the fire company purchased a 30 foot Nova Marine Rescue boat to handle even larger emergencies on the Monongahela River; the boat was purchased from the Federal Surplus in Harrisburg .

And as always, the Donora Fire Company would like to remind everyone to test your smoke detector each month and to change the battery during Daylight Savings Time (each time you change your clocks).

As with every fire department, if you have an emergency: please dial 911.



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Community gathers at Palmer Park

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One of the main features of the park, which brings people from all over the Valley to visit, is the walking path. With its smooth surface, it is an ideal path for those who like to jog or walk, or to simply take a stroll with a friend or loved one.

Kids love the play gym, complete with swings, sliding boards and a climb area. Parents and guardians will also appreciate the benches and closed seating area gazebo while they watch the children frolic in the play gym.

For those who have an interest in model airplanes, Palmer Park has a model airplane pavilion, one of the few parks in the area with such a feature.

Palmer Park is also the perfect place to hold a party or picnic, with its many pavilion areas equipped with electrical outlets and grills. Whether it's a graduation, birthday party or family reunion, Palmer Park is the perfect spot to reserve.

Two years ago, Donora received a grant which was used to construct a large, state-of-the-art pavilion, which was named the John Lignelli Pavilion after the borough's popular mayor.

Thank You

...As Mayor of The Borough of Donora

I wish to extend my appreciation to those patrons who have chosen to advertise in this publication.
Your interest in the promotion of Donora can only have a positive impact on the Community. The revitalization of Donora, and its surrounding areas, can only be accomplished through a cooperative effort by both the public and the private sectors. Again I would like to thank those who participated in this booklet.

Mayor
John Lignelli

John Lignelli
Mayor of Donora

The Green Line, which runs six days a week, was added to the MMVTA's service to Donora in 2007.

MMVTA connects Donora with Valley

The Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority offers a variety of services to residents of the Borough of Donora.

Such service includes the Blue Line, which operates within the immediate vicinity of the Donora area, with service to Fisher Heights Giant Eagle and the Monongahela Valley Hospital.

Donora residents can also utilize the Green Line, which operates from Donora to Monessen, North Charleroi and Charleroi, then to all three shopping plazas in Belle Vernon.

Both the Blue and Green operate Mondays through Fridays every week with no service being provided on selected holidays. In 2007, the authority added Saturdays to the Green Line runs making that service six days a week.

In addition, the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority's Route A offers bus service to downtown Pittsburgh from Donora and other Mon Valley communities 365 days a year, including holidays.

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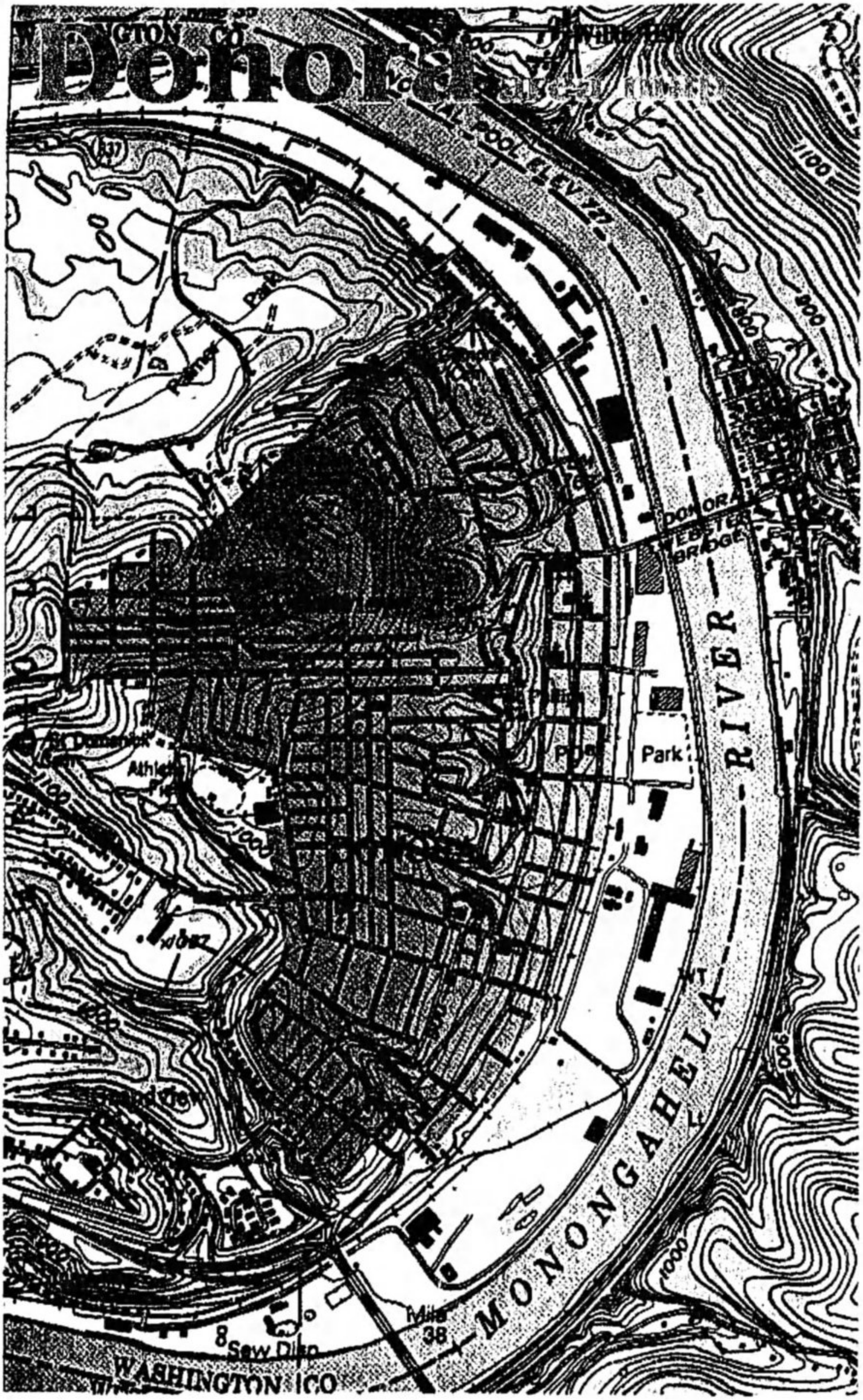
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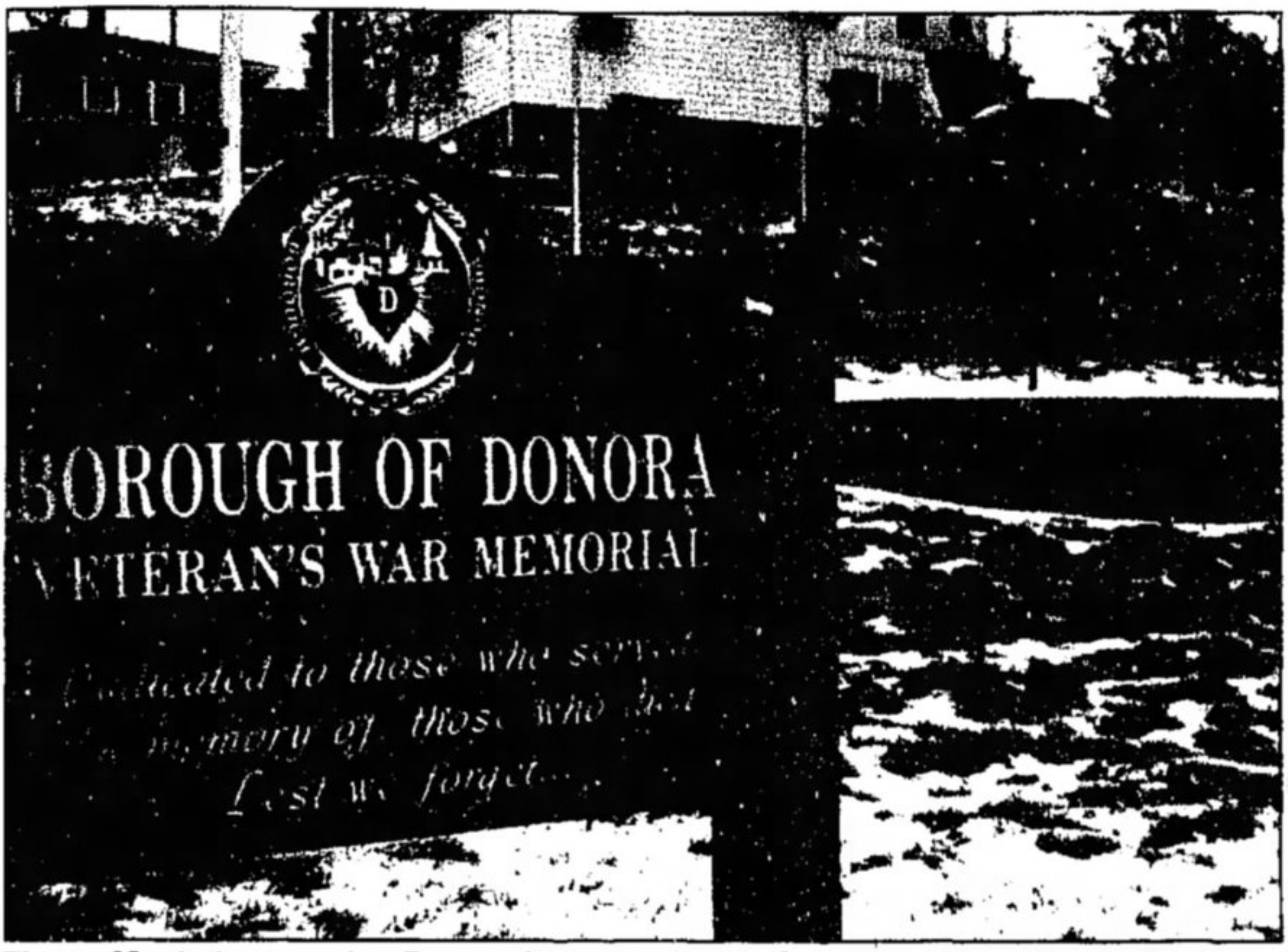


The effort to create Donora's war memorial was led by the Donora Downtown Committee.

Donora war memorial honors borough's veterans

The Donora War Memorial continues to be a growing tribute to residents who have served their country.

The Donora Downtown Committee spearheaded the creation of the monument, which sits along McKean Avenue just outside of downtown Donora.

The committee dedicated the site on Nov. 1, 2003.

It originally showed the names of 3,800 of the community's residents, some of which are still living, who have served in the military dating back to the Civil War era.

Donora Downtown Committee President Chuck Muia said about 100 more names have since been added to the memorial.

He said additional names can be added at a cost of $35 each.

Muia said the William H. Donner Foundation, which bears the name of the founder of Donora, contributed $110,000 to the project.

The downtown committee contributed an equal amount and the rest of the money was either donated or came from dedication costs for bricks, benches, flags and other amenities at the site.

The major construction, including benches, has been completed. The Downtown Committee continues to enhance the ambiance by planting trees and shrubs and constructing walls.

To have a name added to the memorial, to purchase a personalized bench or for more information, call Muia at (724) 379-7900.

Events to mark smog anniversary

Between Oct. 26 and 31, 1948, 20 people died and more than 7,000 were hospitalized or became ill as the result of severe air pollution over Donora.

The investigation of this incident by state and federal health officials resulted in the first meaningful federal and state laws air pollution control laws.

Now the borough is planning to commemorate the 60th anniversary of that tragic event which played a part in improving air quality and led to the formation of the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The Charter for the Donora Smog Commemorative Committee was recently signed. The directors of the organization for the articles of incorporation include: Don Pavelko, Anthony Massafra, Casey Perrotta, Diane Martin and DeAnne Pavelko.

The group along with many committees are planning numerous events to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Donora Smog.

These events will take place in October. The tentative events planned thus far include:

■ Oct. 20 — Devra Davis, author of the book "When Smoke Ran Like Water," will be guest speaker at the Donora Borough Building.

■ Oct. 23 and 24 — Mon Valley Hospital will host free health screenings at Donora Borough Building.

■ Oct. 25 — 10 a.m., a football game between Donora and Monongahela will literally "kick-off" the weekend in the morning at Legion Field located behind Donora Elementary Center. This was the site where the rival teams played the original game during the height of the smog.

■ Oct. 25, noon — Alumni luncheon after the game. All alumni members from both teams will be invited to an honorary luncheon in the Donora Elementary center school cafeteria.

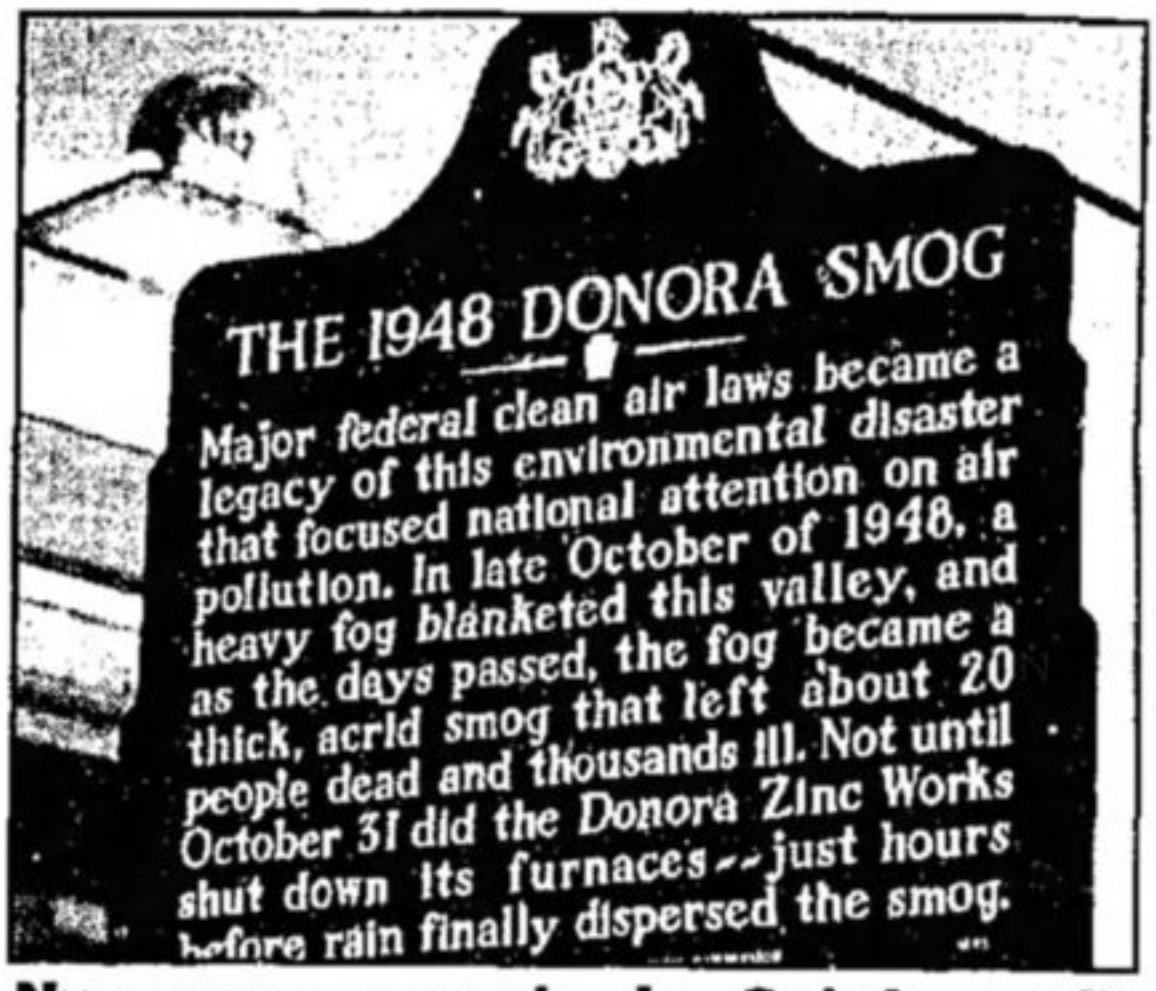
■ Oct. 25, 3 p.m. — Commemorate parade to follow the luncheon will be held on McKean Avenue in Donora.

■ Oct. 26 — 3 p.m. A memorial service with an interfaith choir will be held at Our Lady of the Valley Church, St. Philip Neri site.

■ Oct. 26, 5 p.m. — Commemorative banquet at the Donora Borough Building.

■ Oct. 27 – A scientific and economic symposium will be held.

A Smog Museum will be open to the public to share photos and other artifacts from the smog during this time.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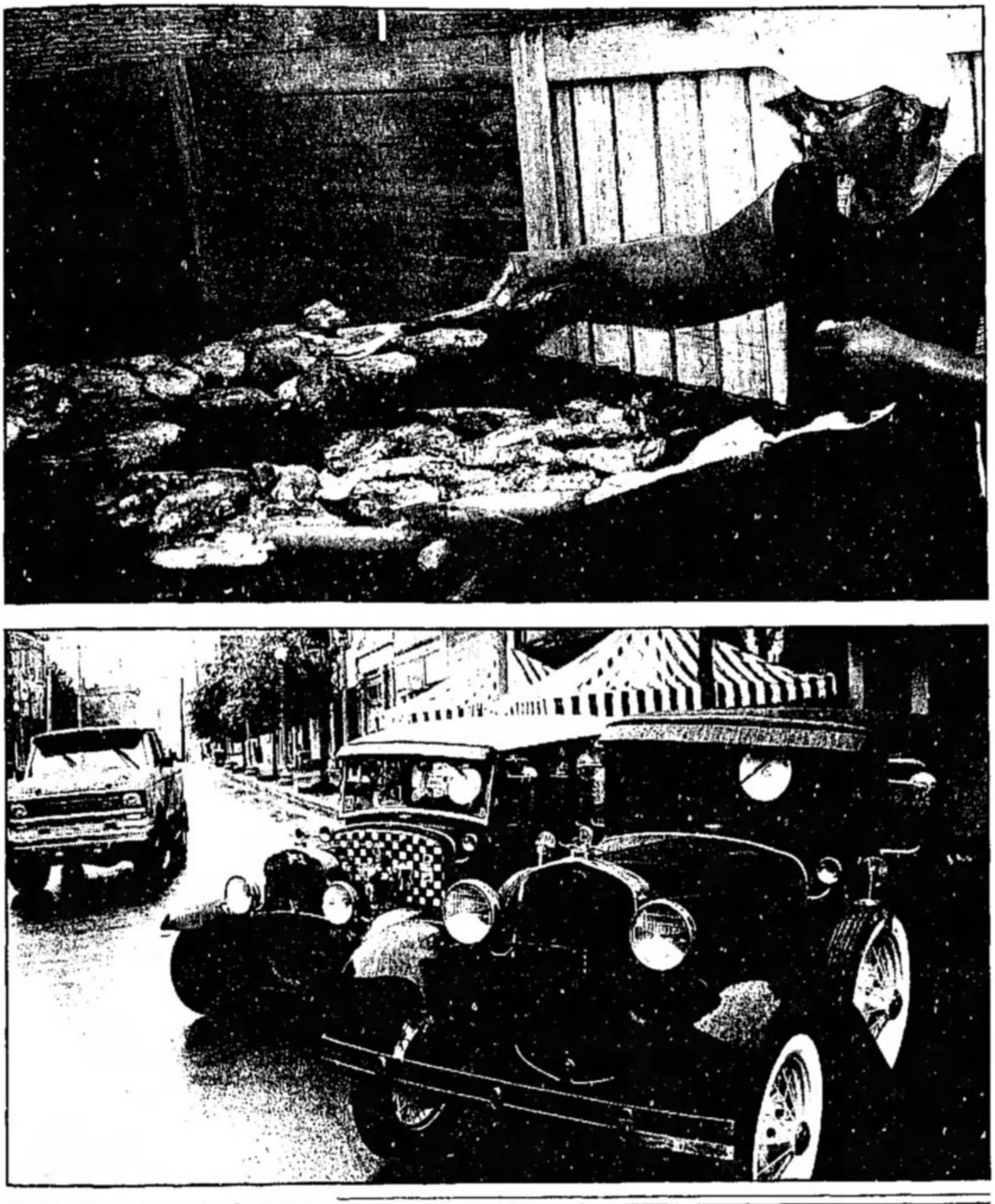

Tasty food and vintage cars were part of the 2007 firemen's festival in Donora.

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Made up of seven municipalities, Ringgold was established as a school district in 1964.

In addition to Donora, Ringgold is comprised of Carroll Township, Finleyville, Monongahela, New Eagle, Nottingham Township and Union Township.

The district participates in the Mon Valley Career and Technology Center and is part of Intermediate Unit I.

The district includes three elementary centers in Donora, Gastonville and Monongahela; two middles schools in Carroll Township and Finleyville; and the high school in Carroll Township.

The district is headed by Superintendent Gary J. Hamilton.

District principals include Dwayne A. Homa at the high school, Jeffrey Matty at Finley Middle School, Deborah DiMascio at Carroll Middle School, Ross Ference at Donora Elementary

R.J. Brownlee, left, and Emily Schartner represent Ringgold High School on the basketball court.

Center, Dr. Michael C. Tominello at Monongahela Elementary Center and Wendy Burke at Monongahela Elementary Center.

As of February 2008, enrollment in the district was 3,275. That includes 348 students at Donora Elementary Center.

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Ken Griffey Sr., center, gets together with four other Donora natives, from left, Ulice Payne, Ricco Davis, Charles Stacey and Judge Reggie Walton, before his field dedication banquet in January.

Griffey returns for field dedication

With more than 2,000 hits and a .296 career batting average in 19 major league baseball seasons, Donora's Ken Griffey was a success on the diamond.

He's also a big hit off the field.

That was the word from some of his better-known friends like Donora natives Judge Reggie Walton and Ulice Payne and former Cincinnati Reds teammate and roommate George Foster at January's Griffey Field Dedication Banquet.

The event was held at the Willow Room and was staged by the Ringgold Rams Club.

"I'm proud of him for the man he is," said Judge Walton. "I was a senior when he was a sophomore and wished I had his athletic ability. You see a lot of sports heroes today who are not role models and try to take the easy route to success with enhancement drugs.

"Ken has been a role model and he's always been a gentleman. He comes from good roots and had a tough taskmaster, his mother. He produced a son like Ken Jr. and you never hear anything bad about him. It's a reflection of how he was raised.

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"I commend Ken for being a great man and a great father," Walton continued. "He's definitely been a role model, someone young people can look up to, and I'm proud to call him my friend."

"He's a real friend who's comfortable in his own skin," said Payne, one of the best basketball players in Ringgold history who went on to play for Marquette's national championship team and is now a distinguished Milwaukee attorney and community activist.

"He taught me a lot as a basketball player especially how to use leverage and he could jump up the gym. When I got the job as the Milwaukee Brewers CEO, I wanted him to come with me but he worked for the Reds at the time. He was one of the members of my kitchen cabinet with Hank Aaron and Willie Mays.

"I told him I had a $30 million budget for three straight years and he said I had to get out of there because we wouldn't be able to keep free agents and they wouldn't want to come to Milwaukee. He gave me the best advice and was very influential to me.

"He's a legend and this recognition is well deserved."

"We got along so well," smiled Foster, who was with Griffey for seven years in the minors and majors before both were traded to the two New York teams. Griffey went to the Yankees and Foster to the Mets.

"He was a great roommate, the best man at my wedding, and I look at him as a brother," added Foster. "Having a field dedicated to him has to be a great honor."

Charles Stacey, Griffey's home room teacher at Donora High his junior year who went on to be the school's last principal and later a Ringgold superintendent, also taught Walton and Payne.

"They succeeded despite me." he cracked.

Stacey recalled Griffey asking for advice when it came to signing with the Reds or going to college to play football and basketball.

"I told him go to college," he said. "Just think if he had listened to me he probably would have been laid off at U.S. Steel and I'd be running into him at Wal-Mart."

Griffey, meanwhile, had no second thoughts about signing with the Reds out of high school.

"I know a lot of my coaches were upset I signed for baseball because they wanted me to play football," he said. "If I had gone to college I probably would have went to Marshall University where my cousin (Larry Nelson) went. They had that plane crash the following year, so by the grace of God I'm here."

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> Judge Reggie Walton

Griffey, meanwhile, was at a loss for words when it came to the testimonial.

"I'm home now and it's a pleasure to be here, but I never set out for this," he said. "I just wanted to be myself, and I'm overwhelmed."

The banquet had some touching moments including a video which ended with his close friend Joe Perrotta, who died in April at the age of 61, and his wife, the former Valarie Lawson, singing "The Way We Were."

Other speakers included Donora Mayor John Lignelli, Ringgold School Board President Denise Kuhn, who brought the field dedication sign, Ringgold Rams Club president Loretta Manus and Brad Bassi of the Ringgold Rams Club. WTAE-TV news anchor Andrew Stockey served as toastmaster.

Kimberly Vicites, left, MRI technologist and MaryAnn Konsugar, manager, HealthPLEX Imaging, review patient placement in the new Open MRI control suite.

MVH a leader in MRI services

X-rays are still frequently used in medicine. But, this is the 21st century and other methods to see inside the human body are now available.

An MRI (magnetic resonance image), like an X-ray, takes internal pictures of the body, but the MRI, unlike X-rays, has the ability to show those images at various angles without the use of radiation.

Monongahela Valley Hospital is committed to providing those latest advancements, and for outpatient services, making them as convenient as possible for patients to obtain them. As a result of that commitment,

MVH has installed a Hitachi High Performance Open MRI to its vast array of outpatient equipment and services available in Suite

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The Open MRI unit focuses on providing the ultimate in patient comfort and uses a wide-open design offering a panoramic view from all four sides to create a relaxing environment. The open design alleviates anxiety and stress and allows a loved one or friend to be seated at the patient's side during the exam. It creates a tranquil atmosphere enhancing the patient's experience.

The new Open MRI Unit can be especially attractive to larger patients or those with claustrophobic tendencies. Patients are getting the best of both worlds – an Open MRI and superior imaging performance. The unit provides increased head and elbow room and quality imaging.

MRI uses radio and magnetic waves to produce images of the body's internal structures such as soft tissues, muscles, nerves and bones and provides very good soft tissue contrast. The high quality pictures may be used to evaluate injury or the presence of disease and illustrates the anatomy and functions of the body. In addition, the MRI can scan for advanced medical conditions such as vascular, abdominal, cardiac and neurological disorders. An MRI procedure allows physicians to view inside the body without surgery or the use of radiation.

"The new Open MRI Unit was placed at the Mon-Vale HealthPLEX to add to the overall convenience of our patients and is another key tool for our physician's patient diagnosis," said Thomas J. Cullen, senior vice president at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

"Knowing you need to have an MRI examination no longer needs to be a traumatic event," he added. "Having to travel to an unfamiliar location may be unsettling. But having a convenient

Cutting the ribbon to launch the new Open MRI service are, from left, Louis J. Panza, Jr., President and CEO, Monongahela Valley Hospital; Kimberly Vicites, MRI Technologist, MVH; MaryAnn Konsugar, Manager, HealthPLEX Imaging, MVH; Thomas G. Patterson, Vice Chairman, Rostraver Township Commissioners; and Thomas J. Cullen, Senior Vice President, MVH.

facility with a variety of medical procedures in one location can help to uncomplicated those concerns."

A multitude of other outpatient testing services are provided at the Mon-Vale HealthPLEX including traditional X-rays, blood draw, mammography, ultrasound, bone density testing and cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation. Residents can take advantage of the HealthPLEX's many physician offices, its close proximity and ease of parking.

Addition of the new Open MRI equipment augments the expansion and enhancement of radiology (medical imaging) services that have occurred at MVH during the past several years. These advancements have included installation of a fixed-site MRI and a 64-slice CT scanner at the hospital in Carroll Township.

Appointments can be made quickly and results obtained promptly. To schedule an appointment, please call 724-379-1900. All major insurance plans are accepted.

For more information about all of the hospital's imaging services, call the MVH medical imaging department at (724) 258-1040.

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Virginia Andrako, of Donora, plays bingo at the Donora Senior Center.

Senior center helps elderly feel at home

The Donora Senior Center, located on 701 Meldon Ave., is a home away from home for dozens of area seniors from all over the Mid-Mon Valley.

With a plethora of activities for busy seniors, Senior Center specialist Harry Haught says the most popular activity is line dancing classes.

The Donora Senior Center is also home to many special features, such as guest speakers, health and flu clinics year-round and health screenings. The center also does free tax services for seniors.

Those screenings provide accessible means of keeping up to date with one's well-being.

The center is an "entertainment center" with card-playing clubs meeting every Tuesday and Thursday and no less than 60 people visiting the center on a daily basis.

Forty-five to 60 seniors come in for lunch every day. Bingo is held every Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Transportation can be arranged for those needing to get to the Donora Senior Center.

The center has a constant need for volunteers, especially for Meals on Wheels.

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Many seniors depend on meals program

One of the most important programs available to help older citizens with their daily needs is the Diversified Human Services Corporation Home Delivered Meals Program.

With its Central Kitchen in Donora, at the site of the old McDonald's building, the home-delivered meals program is a vital source of help for many residents of the Mon Valley area.

Funded through the Southwestern Area Agency on Aging, the program is open to people on a need basis for assistance with nutrition.

People inquiring about the program can be referred by a hospital, a nursing facility or by themselves.

The first step in becoming eligible for the program is having a needs assessment completed.

If the person shows a need for the program, they in turn will be delivered one-third of their daily meal requirements, primarily one meal a day, which is usually delivered around noon.

People receiving meals are given the opportunity to make a contribution.

A vital aspect of the program's success is the more than 100 volunteers who take time each day to deliver the meals and pack the meals at the Central Kitchen and prepare them for delivery.

In Donora, the meals are taken to the Donora Senior Center and are then transported to the residents' homes.

For those interested in the Home Delivered Meals Program, call the Southwestern Area Agency on Aging Information and Referral Unit toll free at 1-800-734-9603.

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Library opened in 1930

Charles Younger, of Donora, works on a computer at the Donora Public Library.

The Donora Public Library was founded in 1930. On Jan. 30 of that year, a meeting was held at the Tri-Plant Club sponsored by the Donora Women's Club. The Donora Library Association was formed, and donations of books were solicited from the community. April 22, 1930, was set aside as Library Day and hundreds of books were donated. In July of 1930, a formal opening was held at the library's first location, the Tri-Plant Club. The first librarian was Caroline Goodman, and Rose C. Muoio was an assistant.

The library was housed at the Tri-Plant Club until 1946 when the collection was relocated to the Community Center Building.

In 1995, ground was broken for a new home at 510 Meldon Ave. The project was funded by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and funds from the Donora Public Library Board of Directors, the Borough of Donora, the Redevelopment Authority of Washington County, Polycom-Huntsman Corporation, Friends of the Donora Community and local fund-raising campaigns.

The present facility was dedicated Oct. 26, 1996. Holdings include general circulating books, new releases and best sellers, videos and audio tapes. Services include Internet access for patrons, fax machine access, and photocopying.

The library also has a microfilm reader from which patrons can research local history through the collection of early issues of the Donora American (1901-1927), Donora Evening Herald (1916-1927), the Herald-American (1927-1970), the 1903 Donora Illustrated, The Daily Republican (Monongahela (January, 1961-June 1972) and the 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1930 census reports from Washington County.

Current board members are President Jason Menendez, Vice President Camilla Ferrara, Secretary Kathy D'Emidio, Treasurer Larry Mauro, Alan Benyak, Esq., Alex Ferguson, David Hunter, John Lignelli, Donna Pustelak, Dr. Charles Stacey and Patricia Shawley. The library director is Beth Vaccaro.

The library is open Mondays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays 11 a.m. until 7 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Valley Skating keeps rolling

In 1983 former steel workers from Donora told Linda Miner, owner of Valley Skating Center that it was silly to build a beautiful skating facility in Donora because in six months kids would destroy the building.

She told them the kids will only destroy it if you let them and she wasn't about to let that happen. Twenty-five years later Valley Skating Center is still there and thriving.

The skating center is open year round and is air conditioned for the summer. During the winter season all the Valley schools come once a month for school nights, and each month the school with the most skaters wins $100 for its PTA.

There are special skates for TP Nite (yes, toilet paper), Valentine's weekend, all night skates for Thanks-giving, New Year's Eve and around Easter. Day skates are held when all school districts are off for a holiday or in-service day.

Twenty-two years ago the skating center began hosting a national skating competition called the Valley Invitational. Skaters from all over the United States, Canada and Mexico have participated. They have also had calls from South America and Haiti.

Europeans e-mail Miner for results of the meet because they like to keep up with what is happening with U.S. skating before the world championships. This is the largest skating competition in the nation other than the actual national championships which will be held in Lincoln, Neb., in July and August. Skaters must qualify for nationals via nine regions throughout the United States, but an invitational is an open invite to any skater.

The competition will feature entry level events as well as world class events. Skaters 7 and under, and 55 and older compete. This year for the first time spectators will be admitted for free. Breakfast and lunch are available.

Valley Skating Center

No other event brings as many people or as much notoriety to the Mon Valley. More than 4,000 skaters, officials, parents, coaches, and interested people will converge on Donora March 13-17, 2008. Practice day is March 13.

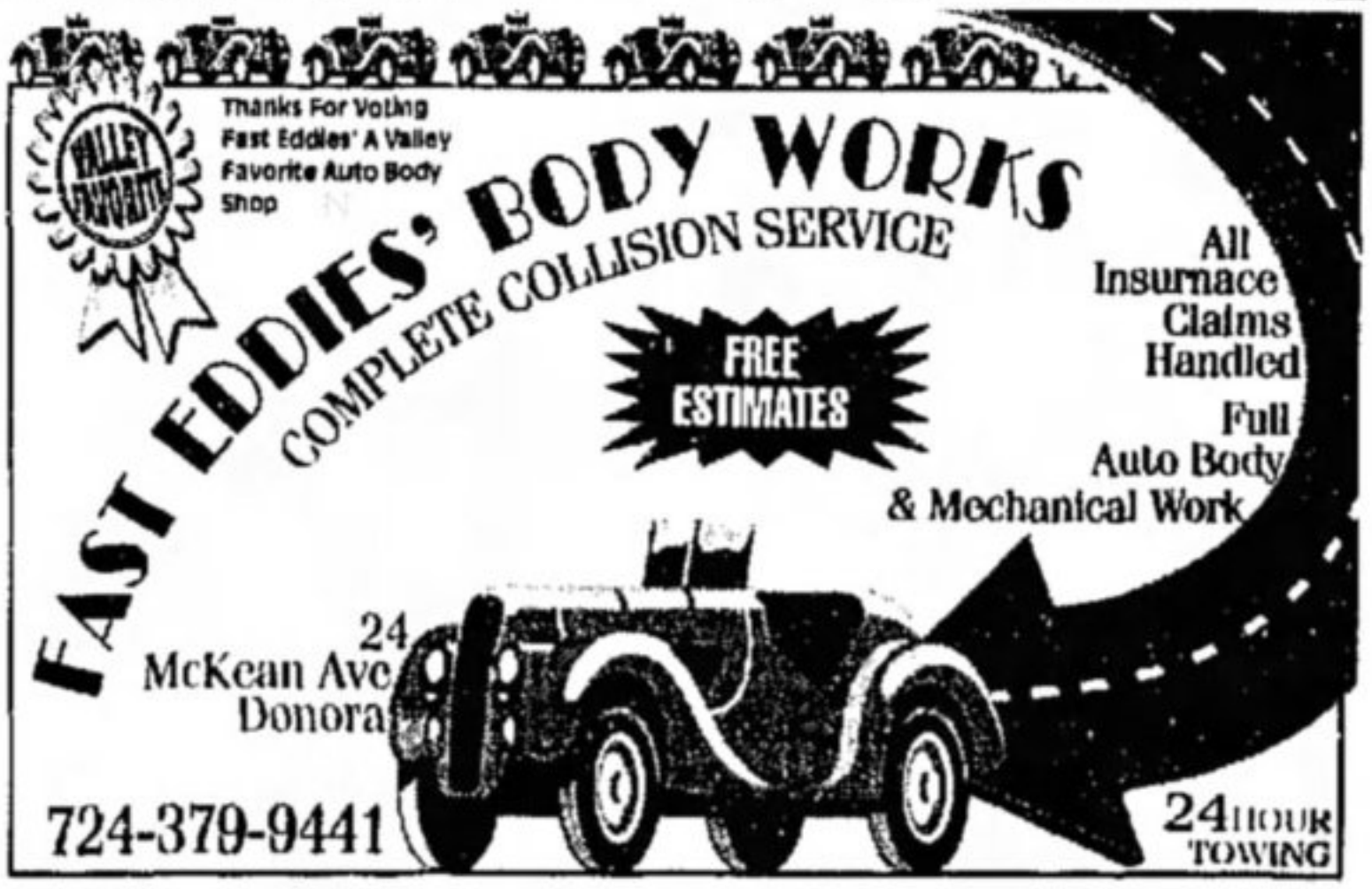
The number of skaters participating will be around 600. These people spend huge amounts of money at motels, restaurants and retail stores. Most of the motels from Bentleyville to New Stanton will be full. Talk to any competitive or interested skater in the United States and they know all about Donora.

"Can you imagine" Linda said, "I never dreamed 22 years ago that it would turn out to be like this. Little old Donora, the most talked about little town in the U.S. skating world."

The Valley Skating Club is hosting the event and they have several skaters participating. Although the club is centered in Donora, its members are from the greater tri-state area. Skaters come here for the quality coaching. Miner, Kitty Sten and Lisa Reuter are the coaches at the skating center.

Miner said many of the Olympic ice champions were former roller skaters who have skated at the skating center in the past, including figure skater and gold medalist Tara Lapinsky, speed skaters Derek Parra, gold, silver, and bronze medalist, and Chad Hedrick, gold, silver and bronze medalist.

For more information about skating sessions or the skating invitational, visit the Web site at www.valleyskate.com or call the skating center at (724) 379-6700.



Donora Rotary places 'service above self'

Historically speaking, Rotary founder Paul Harris started a lunch club in February of 1903 with his friends in Chicago. They were businessmen who took pride in their vocations and their community.

The small organization grew throughout the state, country and worldwide. Rotary International has expanded into more than 7,600 clubs in the United States and more than 300,000 clubs in 166 countries with more than 1.2 million members worldwide.

In May 1922, a group of businessmen and managers from all walks of life, banking, doctors, lawyers, teachers, mayors, insurance managers, business owners, joined together to take pride in their community, to promote their vocations to all and share a concern of giving back to their community. Donora Rotary was formed.

For the past 85 years Donora Rotary has taken rotary's motto, "Service Above Self" very seriously and the members have held themselves accountable in all they say and do, following Rotary's 4 way test:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Donora Rotary meets each Tuesday at noon at the Chamber of Commerce office on Sixth and McKean Avenue. We meet for fellowship, good food and to discuss projects needed in our community.

We invite a speaker each month to inform us of useful topics. The second week we honor two Ringgold High School seniors and introduce them to youth programs that Rotary sponsors: Youth Exchange to foreign countries, RYLA leadership conferences etc.

We involve ourselves with the high school's Interact Club, which Rotary help form in 1983, and work and support on each others community service projects like Toys for Tots and Thanksgiving food drives and Adopt a Highway, where we clean the intersection from the Veteran's Memorial/Donora's flower garden to and under the bridge in south Donora.

Donora Rotary co-sponsors the food bank held on the third Monday of each month on First and Thompson in Donora. Other yearly projects include: Presidents' Day Essay Contest with Donora Elementary School, handing out a scholarship to Ringgold High School seniors, giving dictionaries to all third grade students at Donora Elementary and Madonna. This year we expanded dictionaries to Bentworth, a district that has no Rotary.

We distribute presents to patients at Kenric Manor, ring the Salvation Army bell, greet and sign in people for Red Cross blood drives, sell daffodils for the Cancer Society, sponsor the Career Link job fair, financially supporting the Veterans Day parade, United Way, and community sports teams.

Each year the club president chooses a project that helps .or beautifies the community.

Donora Rotary gets involved in international projects as well such as purchasing sand filters to purify water in underdeveloped countries.

Our Valley clubs gathered together to purchase solar ovens, opened a mammography clinic in Poland, built a school in Vietnam. These are a few projects valley clubs have gotten involved in.

The main goal of Rotary International is to eradicate the disease of polio worldwide and this year we may reach the goal.

So whenever you pass by a sign with a yellow wheel, that is rotary, and it is your special invitation to join your local Rotary.

Hopefully, by reading this article, we have reached your heart and sparked an interest and created enthusiasm in joining Donora Rotary and helping your community. We certainly need you.

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